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of the Town of
Newbury, New Hampshire





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*of the Selectmen, Treasurer,
and other Town Officers*

for the
Town of Newbury
New Hampshire

Old Stone Barn, Photo by Ron Garceau



*for the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 2001*

with the
Vital Statistics for the Year 2001

Front Cover: Meeting House, from the town collection

Back Cover: Fire Pond, photo by Ed Candidus

Inside Front Cover: Town Dock, photo by Ed Candidus

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DEDICATION

The Town of Newbury is proud to dedicate the 2001 Annual Report to all those Americans - local, national and worldwide - whose lives were altered forever by the events in New York City, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. Thousands died in the terrorist attacks, but whether or not we had a direct link with those victims, all of our lives have been touched. We have shared the grief of those who lost family and friends. We have been joined in awe and admiration for the countless acts of heroism and sacrifice by those at the scenes of disaster.

As a people, we have not been defeated by these terrible events. Rather, we have been united by a common resolve to celebrate our nation's spirit. Here in New Hampshire, we honor our motto: "Live Free or Die." The Town of Newbury salutes the courage and determination of our countrymen to abolish terrorism and uphold our freedoms. Never have we been so proud to be Americans.

*Photo by Mary Gutsell
courtesy Intertown-Record*



OFFICERS

Selectmen*

James M. Powell, Chairman, term expires 2002

David Kinsman, term expires 2003

Richard Wright, term expires 2004

Town Administrator**

Dennis J. Pavlicek

Moderator*

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2002

Deputy Moderator*****

Vincent Iacopino

Representatives to the General Court

Steve Winter Alf Jacobson J. D. Colcord

Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

Linda Piunkett Champy, term expires 2003

Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector**

Martha von Redlich

Treasurer*

Debra W. Sias, term expires 2002

Deputy Treasurer**

Jennifer Goin

Trustees of Trust Funds*

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2002

James Therrien, term expires 2003

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2004

Library Trustees*

Beverly Wolf, term expires 2002

Paula Falkowski, term expires 2003

Shelly Candidus, term expires 2004

Newbury Member, Kearsarge Regional School Board

Dean Bensley, term expires 2003

Newbury Member, Kearsarge Regional School District

Municipal Budget Committee

Daniel Wolf, term expires 2003

Supervisors of the Checklist*

Al Bachelder, term expires 2003
Lane Bellman, term expires 2005
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2007

Cemetery Trustees*

William Annable, term expires 2002
Mary Bachelder, term expires 2003
Open

Planning Board*

Ron Williams, Chair, term expires 2003
William Weiler, Vice Chair, term expires 2002
Barbara Freeman, term expires 2002
Gary Budd, term expires 2003
David Thayer, term expires 2004
Richard Wright, Ex-Officio Selectman
Al Bachelder, Alternate Ex-Officio
Secretary - Open

Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Betsy Soper, Chair, term expires 2002
Del Harris, Vice Chair, term expires 2003
Beth Diekmann, term expires 2002
Katheryn Holmes, term expires 2004
William Weiler, term expires 2004
Alex Azodi, Alternate, term expires 2003
Suzanne Levine, Alternate, term expires 2003
Tanya McIntire, Alternate, term expires 2004
Jeff Nester, Alternate, term expires 2005
Secretary - Open

Chief of Police**

James S. Valiquet

Chief of Fire Department****

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Officer of Emergency Management**

Philip Blaisdell

Building Inspector**

Del Harris

Highway Administrator**

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

Family Services Director**

Gail Bostic

Inspectors of Election**

Doris Newell, term expires 2002

Clare Bensley, term expires 2002

Election Officials*****

Doris Diekmann Claire Thomas

Alice Lynn Suzanne Levine

Conservation Commission**

William Weiler, Chair, term expires 2003

William Annable, term expires 2002

Peter Newbern, term expires 2002

Eric Unger, term expires 2004

Clare Bensley, term expires 2004

Forest Fire Warden***

Dave Smith

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens***

John G. Croteau Kevin Walker

Henry E. Thomas, Jr. Ed Thorson Michael Bascom

* Elected at Town Meeting

** Appointed by Selectmen

*** State Appointment

**** Elected by Fire Department

***** Appointed by Moderator

Photo S. Candidus



SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The past year has been a busy one for the Board of Selectmen. Many issues that we have had to deal with have been resolved or completed. The Baker Hill Golf Course is finished, and all of the severe water runoff that accompanied its construction should disappear as the soils continue to stabilize. Southview development was given final Planning Board approval. This project will take many years to complete, and the many conditions that are required by both the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen should lessen its impact on the town for services and taxes.

The tax dispute with Mt. Sunapee Resort has been resolved. There still remains the issue of an expansion of the lease holding and how this further development could influence town growth and support services. The selectmen have not taken a position for or against the lease expansion, but rather have requested a more detailed study, and inclusion of this study into Mt. Sunapee Resort's Master Plan before we will take a position on the expansion.

Current issues before the Board of Selectmen this year include: A Capital Improvement Plan, milfoil in Lake Sunapee, and revaluation.

It is hoped that a Capital Improvement Program will aid the town in more accurate planning for the future. This will lessen the risk for high unanticipated expenditures that could adversely influence the tax rate.

Milfoil has appeared in Lake Sunapee and we are requesting a sum of money for prevention of further contamination. If this invasive plant flourishes in Lake Sunapee, or the town's other lakes, our lake property values could be adversely affected. We will be meeting soon with the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department regarding the proposed Wild Goose boat launch and we will ask that a boat washing station be a part of that facility.

Revaluation will start this year and be completed in 2003. This is a process required by the state Department of Revenue Administration when property values and the town's assessments differ significantly. Property values have increased drastically in some areas of town, and for those owners, revaluation may be a painful experience. For owners in other areas away from the water and hilltops, it won't be painful at all. Overall, the revaluation will result in fairer and more equitable assessments for all property owners.

Finally, no one will forget what they were doing on September 11, 2001, when they heard the tragic news about the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania crash site. Everyone has been both saddened and influenced by that day's events. Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims and their survivors of that dreadful day in our nation's history. We all need to be better prepared for emergencies, be it a national catastrophe or something local like a severe ice storm. The Newbury Fire Department, Police Department, and Emergency Management Director are making plans for such emergencies, should they occur.

The Board of Selectmen would like to publicly thank all of the board members, town employees, and other volunteers whose efforts make our job as selectmen a lot easier. Their dedication and effort make the town of Newbury the desirable place it is to live.

*Newbury Board of Selectmen
James Powell, Chairman
David Kinsman
Richard Wright*



TOWN CLERK

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$308,952.10
Dog Licenses Issued	1,257.00
UCC Filings	380.01
Boat Registrations	10,757.40
Vital Record Filings	1,161.00
Miscellaneous Filings	348.50
Total Debits	\$322,856.01

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TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund 2001

Receipts

Received from Tax Collector	\$5,511,544.77
Received from Town Clerk	\$322,454.01
Received from State of NH	\$176,894.65
Police Private Duty	\$8,054.50
Police Reports	\$551.00
Police Fines	\$1,915.64
Cemetery Lots	\$1,900.00
Building Permits	\$9,377.40
Pistol Permits	\$20.00
Reimbursements	\$15,623.14
Planning Board	\$13,093.00
Zoning Board	\$1,943.00
Recycling	\$1,518.66
Interest on Checking Account	\$15,063.00
Sale of Town Property	\$5,317.75
Donations	\$4,180.00
Highway Department	\$542.83
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Hay Estate)	\$14,169.00
Cable Fee	\$5,677.27
Miscellaneous	\$9,575.15
Transfer Station	<u>\$7,913.50</u>
Total	\$6,127,328.27
Transfers from Investment Accounts	\$2,123,616.29
Beginning Balance January 1, 2001	<u>\$532,469.50</u>
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	\$8,783,414.06
Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>(\$8,624,316.00)</u>
Balance on December 31, 2001	\$159,098.06

Debra W Sias, Treasurer

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2001	\$611,595.60
Plus: Interest earned	\$13,538.74
Less: Transfers	\$450,000.00
Balance December 31, 2001	\$175,134.34

Mascoma Savings Bank

Opened July 17, 2001

Plus: Deposits	\$2,006,395.83
Plus: Interest	\$5,575.40
Less: Transfers	\$700,050.00
Balance December 31, 2001	\$1,311,921.23

Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 2001	\$43,298.07
Plus: Interest	\$1,676.45
Plus: Transfers	\$5,000.00
Balance December 31, 2001	\$49,974.52

Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2001	\$95,755.07
Plus: Interest	\$3,153.87
Less: Transfers	\$12,047.20
Plus: Transfers	\$173.00
Balance December 31, 2001	\$87,034.74

REPORT OF THE TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE - DECEMBER 31, 2001

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose	PRINCIPAL					INCOME				GRAND TOTAL Of Principal + Income
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Security Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	BALANCE End Year	
CEMETERY FUNDS												
VARIOUS	Cemetery Funds	Perpetual Care	13,298.76	400.00	0.00	0.00	13,698.76	20,870.60	1,306.09	0.00	22,176.69	35,875.45
	TOTAL		\$13,298.76	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,698.76	\$20,870.60	\$1,306.09	\$0.00	\$22,176.69	\$35,875.45
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS												
1972	Edith K. Eaton	Scholarship	482.07	0.00	0.00	39.39	442.68	0.00	10.61	10.61	0.00	442.68
	TOTAL		\$482.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.39	\$442.68	\$0.00	\$10.61	\$10.61	\$0.00	\$442.68
LIBRARY FUNDS												
1954	Jennie J. Folsom	Library Fund	2,992.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,992.56	68.84	65.50	68.84	65.50	3,058.06
1966	Shirley Powers	Library Fund	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	23.00	21.89	23.00	21.89	1,021.89
2000	Patricia W. Steinfield	Library Fund	10,000.00	5,592.00	0.00	0.00	15,592.00	136.71	515.92	136.71	515.92	16,107.92
	TOTAL		\$13,992.56	\$5,592.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,584.56	\$228.55	\$603.31	\$228.55	\$603.31	\$20,187.87
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS												
1962	Town of Newbury	Highway Equip.	112,681.98	50,000.00	0.00	61,135.03	101,546.95	0.00	3,839.97	3,839.97	0.00	101,546.95
1971	Town of Newbury	Fire Equipment	57,271.62	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	67,271.62	0.00	2,273.29	0.00	2,273.29	69,544.91
1984	Town of Newbury	Police Equip.	5,669.18	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,669.18	0.00	305.31	0.00	305.31	15,974.49
1993	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	18,248.87	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	21,248.87	2,483.68	817.41	0.00	3,301.09	24,549.96
1996	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	25,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	2,959.52	1,110.87	0.00	4,070.39	34,070.39
1997	Town of Newbury	Revaluation	55,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	105,000.00	4,201.77	2,702.77	0.00	6,904.54	111,904.54
	TOTALS		\$273,871.65	\$128,000.00	\$0.00	\$61,135.03	\$340,736.62	\$9,644.97	\$11,049.62	\$3,839.97	\$16,854.62	\$357,591.24
GENERAL TRUST FUNDS												
1977	Town of Newbury	Dock Repairs	16,785.32	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	19,785.32	919.72	701.99	0.00	1,621.71	21,407.03
1984	Town of Newbury	Town Buildings	14,155.89	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	19,155.89	0.00	584.41	0.00	584.41	19,740.30
1987	Town of Newbury	Cem. Monuments	317.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	317.20	0.00	12.07	0.00	12.07	329.27
1995	Town of Newbury	Office Equip.	8,222.20	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	12,222.20	434.38	365.76	0.00	800.14	13,022.34
	TOTALS		\$39,480.61	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,480.61	\$1,354.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,018.33	\$54,498.94
	GRAND TOTALS		\$341,125.65	\$145,982.00	\$0.00	\$61,174.42	\$425,943.23	\$32,098.22	\$1,664.23	\$4,079.13	\$42,652.95	\$468,596.18

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended: 12/31/2001

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	2001	Levies of 2000	1999	Prior
Uncollected Taxes				
Beginning of Year:				
Property Taxes		\$253,940.34		\$331.00
Land Use Charge		350.00		
Yield		4,680.35		
Sewer Taxes		6,563.00		

Taxes Committed to Collector

This Year:

Property Taxes	5,370,650.00	658.00		
Land Use Change Tax	64,550.00			
Yield Taxes	30,636.58			
Excavation/yard	759.10			
Excavation Activity	6,622.00			
Sewer Taxes	56,342.00			

Overpayment:

Property Taxes	4,580.00	6,124.30		
INS Funds Fee	25.00	25.00		
Interest - Late Tax	3,747.85	16,681.91		
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$5,537,912.53	\$289,022.90	\$0.00	\$331.00

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Remitted to Treasurer

Fiscal Year:	2001	2000	1999	Prior
Property Taxes	\$5,037,065.99	\$256,187.34		
Land Use Change Tax	55,614.29	350.00		
Yield Taxes	30,051.59	4,680.35		
Excavation/yard	759.10			
Excavation Activity	6,474.00			
Sewer Tax	48,468.00	6,563.00		
Interest- Late Tax	3,747.85	16,681.91		

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	4,166.00	992.30		
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Uncollected Taxes

End of Year:	2001	2000	1999	Prior
Property Taxes	\$333,998.01	\$3,543.00	\$331.00	
Land Use Change	8,935.71			
Yield Taxes	584.99			
Excavation Activity	148.00			
Sewer Tax	7,874.00			
Penalties	25.00	25.00		
Total Credits	\$5,537,912.53	\$289,022.90	\$0.00	\$331.00

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Levies of	2001	2000	1999	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance, Beg. FY		\$70,491.00	\$32,481.80	\$5,935.44
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Year	\$72,195.36			
Interest & Costs				
Collected (after				
Lien Execution)	982.14	6,881.40	10,175.64	3,883.33
INS Funds Fee			25.00	
Total Debits	\$73,177.50	\$77,372.40	\$42,682.44	\$9,818.77

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	2001	2000	1999	Prior
Redemptions	\$22,717.81	\$40,401.61	\$31,101.55	\$5,935.44
Interest/Costs Collected				
(After Lien Execution)	982.14	6,811.40	10,175.64	3,883.33
INS Funds Fee			25.00	
Balance of				
Unredeemed Liens				
End of Year	49,477.55	30,089.39	1,380.25	
Total Credits	\$73,177.50	\$77,372.40	\$42,682.44	\$9,818.77

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

2001 Assessed Valuation

Value of Land Only:

	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	10,493	\$566,829	
Residential	7,282	131,583,750	
Commercial/Industrial	1,025	4,116,450	
Total of Taxable Land	18,800		\$136,267,029
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$6,176,348)	2,817		

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$113,746,100	
Commercial/Industrial	8,033,150	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$121,779,250
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$2,181,200)		

Public Utilities:

Electric	\$2,042,106
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VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS

Blind Exemptions (Number: 0)	\$0	
Elderly Exemptions (Number: 3)	120,000	
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		(\$120,000)

Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed

\$259,968,385

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Taxes:

State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation and/or Flood Control Land	\$1,358
Other (John Hay Nat'l Wildlife)	14,169

TAX CREDITS

	Limit	No.	Tax Credit
Totally & permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and widows of veterans	\$700	3	\$2,100
Other war service credits	\$50	96	4,800
Total number of amount		99	\$6,900

NEWBURY'S HANK THOMAS NAMED "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR"

Henry E. ("Hank") Thomas, Jr., a long-time resident of Newbury, received the New Hampshire Municipal Association's "Volunteer of the Year" award at the Association's annual conference last fall. Hank, below right, is congratulated by selectmen Jim Powell, Richard Wright and Dave Kinsman. The NHMA award goes to "outstanding individuals whose effort and dedication to community service can serve as a model for the type of volunteer involvement without which town and city governments could not function."

Powell noted that "few can match his length and breadth of service." Specifically, Hank has served as Fire Chief for more than twenty years, leading the volunteer firemen through training, response, and follow-up maneuvers. He has earned the respect and loyal following of his department and together they work as a dedicated and effective team.

Hank served as selectman for two terms and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for four years. During his tenure, he not only conducted business pertaining to the town, but also, working with the Planning and Zoning boards, dealt with issues impacting the growth and development of the community. Other boards and committees on which Hank has served include the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Parks & Recreation, Transfer Station Committee, and Highway Safety Committee.

During a tragedy at the Town Office in the early 1990s, Hank assumed a key role dealing with the aftermath of the incident, working closely with local and state police departments and responding to questions from the media and concerns from townspeople. Prior to reopening the town offices, Hank worked day and night to install new security measures to back up his reconstruction design for the protection of town workers and visitors.

In 2000, in response to a need for more space in the town's Safety Services building, Hank drew up plans for a renovation and addition. After approval, he prepared building specifications, sent them out for bid, and acted as Clerk of the Works for the renovation. This entire project was conceived and carried out on a volunteer basis and, like his other contributions, will add to the safety and well-being of the town.

During 2000-2001, Hank gave several hundred hours of volunteer service to Newbury while continuing to conduct his own full-time business. He continues to serve as Fire Chief and is serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He is responsible for assigning all house numbers, working closely with the 911 Emergency Response organization. His leadership qualities and close ties with residents have inspired other citizens to offer their help - both with the Fire Department and with a number of special projects. His dedication to the town for more than a quarter of a century shows no signs of slowing down.

Thanks, Hank!

*Jim Powell, Richard Wright and David Kinsman with Hank Thomas
Photo by Dan Wolf*



NEWBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

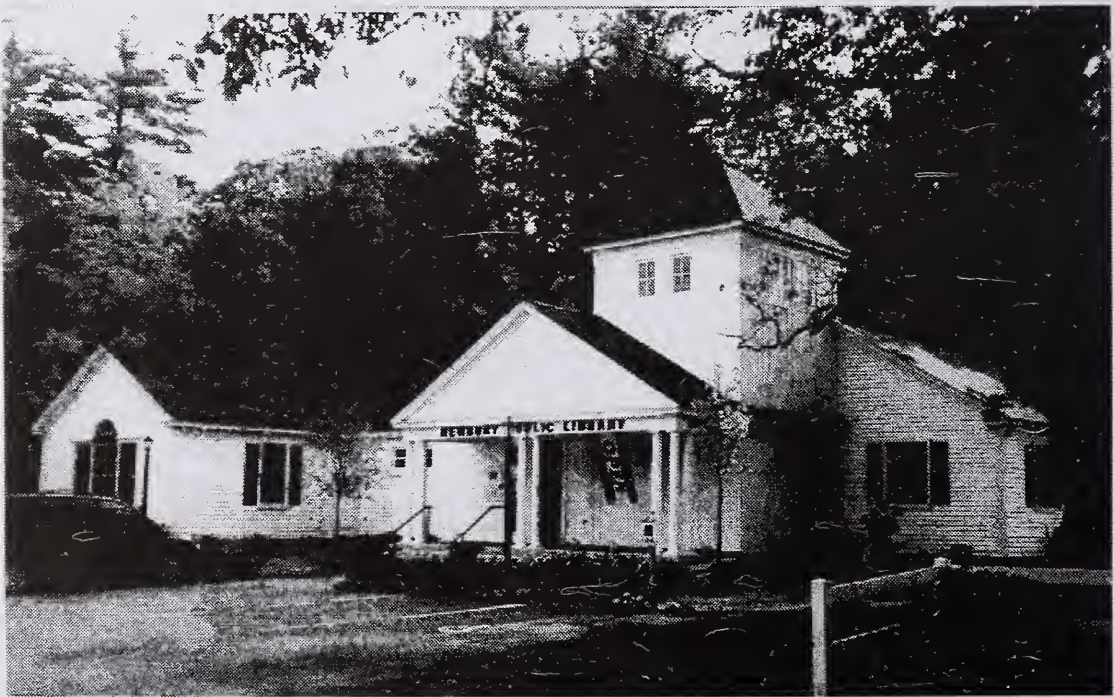
In 2001, Newbury Public Library continued to grow and improve with the addition of many new books, videos, periodicals, and audiobooks. More patrons visited the library and checked out more materials than ever before.

The collection. At year's end, the library had 10,843 items on its shelves, including 587 videos and 373 audiobooks. The library added 1,377 items during the year, including 181 new children's books and 329 new books for grownups. The library added most of these materials at no cost to the town as a result of grants and gifts. The library received a grant of 50 volumes in the important Library of America at a cost of \$250, provided by the Friends. The library also received 62 new children's books as a result of a grant from the Libri Foundation, with the Friends providing \$350 as the local contribution. Other gifts, large and small, in cash and in kind, memorial and otherwise, allowed the library to add many other materials.

Patrons. The library had 1,090 registered patrons, many of whom were families rather than individuals.

Patron visits and checkouts. The library's attendance and circulation increased over last year, which was itself a record year for attendance and checkouts.

	2001	2000
Patron visits	10,291	9,814
Checkouts	12,150	11,854



Programs. The library continued its monthly book discussion series, summer reading program for school-age children, preschool story hour and free computer lessons.

Book discussion series. Eleven book discussions were held, January through November. Average attendance at the discussions was 14, including a visiting scholar, who was paid through grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Nancy Marashio coordinated the programs.

Summer reading program. “Chocolate Summer Days,” a program for school-age children, ran on Wednesday afternoons during July and August. The average attendance was 11 children and three adults. The sessions encouraged children to read books, and included craft and chocolate activities. Beverly Wolf, Elizabeth Wolf, Liz Tentarelli, and Jennifer Wilson—all volunteers—conducted the programs.

Preschool story hour. Preschool story hour was held on every Wednesday in 2001 except the Fourth of July. Average attendance was 15 children and 9 adults. Volunteer Julie Allen conducted the program, as she has done since 1995.

Computer lessons. Free computer and Internet lessons were available on Wednesday afternoons and at other times by appointment. Ken Tentarelli, the library’s volunteer computer expert, provided instruction to many patrons.

Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc. The Friends, a nonprofit corporation, elected Regina Albro president, Susan Hogan treasurer, and Lee Fleming-Salt secretary. The Friends gave the library a 2001 Encyclopedia Americana (thanks to a gift from a generous local family), two oak ladders for the tower room, several hundred wire and upright bookends, two teak benches for the patio, \$500 for audiobooks, and \$1,000 for videos. The Friends also conducted the annual Valentine’s Day party, Memorial Day book and bake sale, Fourth of July parade, tea honoring the library’s volunteers, and holiday tree lighting.

Volunteers. Our library relies on volunteers who process materials, do necessary jobs around the building, and assist with programs. Volunteers in 2001 included Regina Albro, Julie Allen, Arlen Ayer, Evelyn Ayer, Dave Barden, Ed Candidus, Shelly Candidus, Joe Connors, Linda Dietrich, Don Falkowski, Julia Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Lee Fleming-Salt, Marianna Halufska, Sue Hogan, Lorraine Iacopino, Chuck Kennedy, Suzanne Levine, Nancy Marashio, Bruce Marquis, Lucy Marquis, Adrienne Mavragis, Judy Rayner, Laurie Seaholm, Vickie Schubert, Dick Surette, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Peter Wells, Jennifer Wilson, Beverly Wolf and Elizabeth Wolf. Altogether, volunteers (other than the library trustees) contributed over 700 hours of labor to the library during the year.

Disabled access. The library is wheelchair accessible. The library staff will deliver materials to the homebound upon request.

Visit your library. The town has provided a useful, comfortable and free library for its residents. The library has a good selection of books, audiobooks, and videos available for checkout. Many magazines and newspapers are also available, as are six computers with Internet access. If you haven't visited the library lately, perhaps you should. Information about the library is updated regularly at the library's website (www.newburylibrary.net).

Library Trustees	Librarians
<i>Beverly Wolf, Chairperson</i>	<i>Alan Brown</i>
<i>Shelly Candidus, Secretary</i>	<i>Alice Lynn</i>
<i>Paula Falkowski, Treasurer</i>	<i>Meg Fearnley</i>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society held its annual meeting in July at the Center Meeting House. The membership reelected incumbent directors Alice Lynn, Joe Cronin, and Tracy Messer as new directors for three-year terms. The featured speaker was Ronald Jager of Washington who spoke on "The Romance of the Family Farm." Also at the meeting, George Ferren, 95 years old, was presented the Bicentennial Cane in honor of his being the oldest resident in town. The presentation was made by Tracy Messer for the Society. Mr. Ferren's son made an eloquent speech in honor of his father.

Our membership now stands at 75, of which 32 are family members, and 43 are individual members. Among the individual members, 21 are lifetime members.

The Treasurer reports that at the end of our fiscal year, May 31, our working fund balance was at \$3,204.24. Our conservation and preservation fund continues to have a balance of \$1,050.78. We have \$2,100 in certificates of deposit, the interest from which pays the dues of the life members.

On August 26, 1902 President Theodore Roosevelt came to Newbury to visit his friend John Hay. Joe Cronin suggested that the visit be recreated and celebrated on the one hundredth anniversary this summer. To that end the Society agreed to be a sponsor, and named him to chair a committee to plan the event. Cronin will give a talk at the Society annual meeting July 14th to provide historical background for the event. The event itself will be recreated a week later on July 21st. Other events will be announced as the time approaches.

The board heard a presentation from Ron Garceau on how he is approaching the task of writing the Sunapee town history. The Society has received suggested outlines and continues to discuss how to go about the large task of writing the history of Newbury.

The board heard a presentation from Randy Messer on the proposed restoration of the Newbury Center Meeting House. Afterward the board voted to enthusiastically support the project.

The board authorized the reprinting of the Grange history of Newbury and "Grammy's Memories" by the late Florence Bly Perkins, a book with only a small private printing previously. Copies of both are for sale by the Society.

The Newbury town charter was rediscovered when a member of the Society found an original copy at the State Archives. A copy and transcription were given to the town fathers.

Our board of directors meetings, which are held about every two months, are open to the public. We welcome anyone who wishes to sit in and contribute. Contact a director or officer for dates.

The Historical Society collection is kept in Sherman Hall, South Newbury, which is open to the public by appointment from April through October. Call Bill Weiler at 938-2892. Access to the collection may be arranged through other Board members as well.

Officers:

William Weiler, President
William Annable, Vice President
Margaret Weiler, Treasurer
Alice Lynn, Corresponding Secretary

Directors:

Joseph Cronin
Tracy Messer
Barbara Steward
Nancy Marashio
Dennis Pavlicek

To Newbury Cut August 2001: Photo by Michael von Redlich



PARKS AND RECREATION

What a difference a year can bring! Last year Parks and Rec. experienced an infusion of new members with positive energy and I reported with enthusiasm the ambitious initiatives for the coming year. A year later membership has thinned and demands of family and business have made it difficult for me to re-energize the group, boost membership, and define new goals and priorities. Nevertheless, Parks and Rec. conducted several successful programs and activities in 2001.

Our Red Cross swim lesson program for levels 1-7 and preschool water introduction for 3-5-year-olds was once again taught by Nicole Wallace. Attendance was up slightly from last year; however, we still missed some local children and urge their parents to participate in this activity next season. We did offer a second session, a great idea suggested by a local mother. Next summer we hope to better publicize our swim program so participation will be easier for parents to coordinate and schedule.

The summer Thursday night concert series at the gazebo was again a favorite activity for many and the improvements to the gazebo lighting were a great success. Residents should know the selectmen were generous in their funding of these improvements. The new lighting system allows the audience to better see the performers as darkness falls and this greatly enhances the overall effect of each show. We thank the many local businesses that continue to support the series and hope to extend sponsorship this coming summer.

In late August we launched the first "To the Track and Back" Saratoga trip and while attendance was not what we had hoped, the trip was fantastic! Everyone had a great time. At \$36 for the trip, this was the entertainment value of the summer. We traveled by luxury motorcoach, were served Dunkin D's finest coffee and pastries at the outset, treated to two wonderful horse racing movies, provided tickets on the home stretch, and given expert analysis and advice on what to do, where to be, and how to act by our own resident track expert, Mark Cashin. Everyone was provided with a Newbury Parks & Rec cooler pack to hold their snacks and those who had no desire to be around horses were dropped off in Saratoga to enjoy the considerable delights offered there.

Last but not least, trail marking, clearing and maintenance continued at the Fishersfield property. Parks and Rec. hosted its second annual trail day, which doubled the number of newcomers to the trails from last year. A second trail has been marked and with help from the dedicated volunteers who enjoy physical labor, we hope to open this trail in 2002. We still have not received notification from the Wetlands Board concerning the initiative begun two years ago, seeking approval of the Master Plan for Fishersfield Park, the proposed site of Newbury's future athletic fields. While this has been very frustrating, we patiently await completion of the process and approval and hope residents have not forgotten that Newbury's children do not have the fields they deserve and need for local recreation opportunities.

We continue to look for people with energy and dedication to join our team and help with existing programs, as well as bring fresh ideas for new activities to re-vitalize Parks and Rec. To express your interest, please call the Town Office at 763-4940 and leave a message for me.

Harry Seidel

Saylyn concert at the Gazebo, August 2001: Photo by John Linn, Jr.



THE FELLS, JOHN HAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A federal appropriation to address long-standing moisture-related problems at The Fells dominated the first half of the 2001 year. Construction began in February, and work concluded in July. The \$1 million federal appropriation to the Fish & Wildlife Service included new drainage systems, gutters, and culverts. Rotten floor joists were replaced at the Main House, and a new boiler and flexible ductwork were installed below the floors to better ventilate and dry out the crawlspace and partial cellars. During June, there was so much earth-moving equipment digging new swales and installing new drainage lines that the site had to be closed to the public for several weeks. The Main House and grounds reopened for the season on June 30, just in time for the biennial Hay Day celebration, and the Friends' annual meeting. Senator and Mrs. Judd Gregg were recognized for their on-going support, and a plaque was presented naming The Hay Estate to the National Register of Historic Sites.

The Friends of the Hay Refuge contributed to the preservation of The Fells by focusing on upgrading the exterior of the Gatehouse. A handsome curved, dry-laid stone wall was constructed to enclose the courtyard behind the building, and new bluestone paving and walkways completed the project. Finally, the building was scraped and painted. Antique granite foundation stones were set along the path as benches for visitors, and the kiosk was moved from the parking lot to the top of the driveway.

Restoration of the historic vistas of the lake, the final project of the 2001 season, was perhaps the most dramatic. The Garden Conservancy supported Preservation Fellow Marion Murray, who completed her documentation of the historic vistas at The Fells in February. She set a precedent for landscape analysis of this type with her comprehensive report, and the Fish & Wildlife Service, the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, and others who were asked for their review, endorsed the proposal. Cutting of edge trees and pruning of overhanging tree limbs began in early November, and within three days the two views of the lake were restored to their historic width. These cuts, such a significant element of the designed landscape, will be maintained annually to prevent re-growth and crowding.

The NH Arborists' Association contributed a day of pro-bono tree work in September, pruning and taking down hazardous or diseased trees and limbs all along the entrance drive and around the Main House.

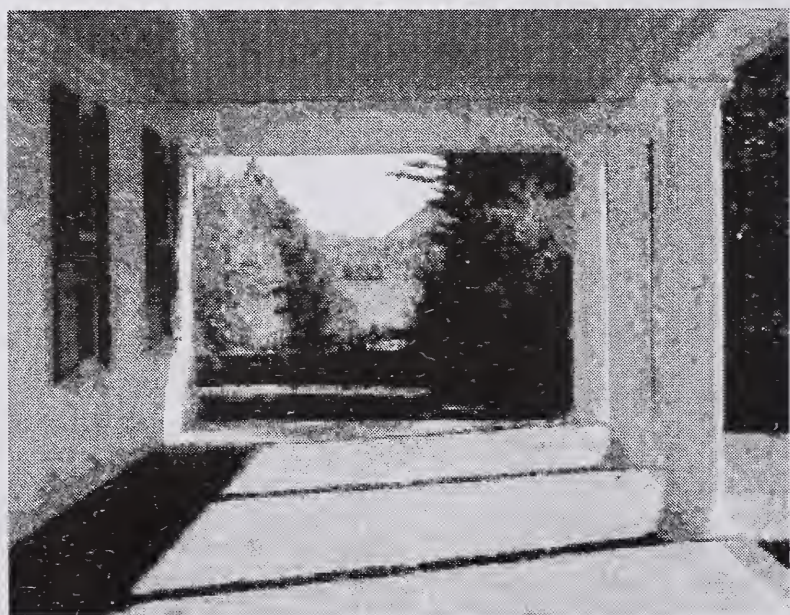
There were two significant losses this year. A heavy snowfall caused the large storage building (called the barn) to collapse in early April. Thanks to an immediate response from our volunteers, most of the equipment and plants stored in the building were salvaged. The plants weathered the trauma much better than the mowers, trailers, and golf carts! Late in the year, the building debris was removed, thanks in part to support from the town of Newbury, and word was received that federal funds will be available to help rebuild the structure.

Near the lakeshore cottage a small dry-land boathouse burned to the ground in May. A quick response from the Newbury fire department contained the blaze, which could have been spread by high winds and been disastrous. The cottage itself was empty again this year but the Friends hope to gain approval from the US Fish & Wildlife Service to use it for a seasonal residency program in 2002.

Education and interpretation were priorities, along with all the capital improvements at the site this year. One of the biggest changes was to furnish the living room of the Main House with items from the Hay family cottage. The house has seemed to come alive with a sense of the past occupants. Our indoor exhibits included a two-person show featuring the landscape paintings of Lisa Jelleme Miller of Andover, and Gil Perry of Springfield, VT. Several interns complemented our paid and volunteer staff in the house and gardens.

Two afternoon teas, with historic music on the front porch, were very popular, as was Artists' Weekend, featuring local artists painting throughout the gardens, and lots of classes and demonstrations. As usual, we had several walks and talks, and specific classes on horticultural topics. Co-sponsors of programs included the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, the New England Wildflower Society, and the Northeast Heather Society.

We joined the State Library system and were furnished with catalogue records for most of the historic books in the collection.



Events generate a major portion of our annual budget, and tremendous volunteer energy and wonderful public support are necessary for success. We are fortunate to have had a great year with our Hay Day, Cruise into Lake Sunapee's Past, Benefit Auction, and Plant Sale. We added a new event, a New London Holiday House tour, and were overwhelmed by the response. More than 650 people toured the nine decorated homes.

Volunteers continue to make major contributions to the operation of the site through their work on special events and as gardeners, house tour guides, and shop staff. Several Newbury residents currently serve on the Friends Board of Directors: Joe Cronin (chair), Fay Barden (secretary), Ron Williams, Susan Mayer, and Dennis Pavlicek (ex-officio). Thank you to everyone who helps keep the place running smoothly.

Looking Ahead:

In 2002, we hope to continue to improve the site for visitors. The Gatehouse courtyard will be planted with a variety of hardy native shrubs and plants chosen to illustrate good gardening choices for northern climates. Our planning committee will be proceeding with plans for rebuilding the barn, and we hope to improve access to our parking lot as well, a problem during our busy summer and fall weekends.

Graduate interns have prepared text for a new brochure or interpretive signs along the Forest Ecology Trail, and funding has been received for two interns from Colby-Sawyer for 2002. The 100th anniversary of President Teddy Roosevelt's visit to the Fells will be celebrated with a Roosevelt actor, speeches, and a special reception.

Finally, by vote of the board in December, we will start doing business as "The Fells" in 2002. We already use this name to refer to the site and it's a much less cumbersome designation than the Friends of JHNWR. John Hay so named his property because of its resemblance to the rocky upland pastures of Great Britain. The State of NH revived the name when they operated the house as a historic site in the early 1990s. While embracing the tenets of wildlife management and habitat protection at the core of the National Wildlife Refuge system, we wish to encompass all three strengths of this magnificent site-history, horticulture, and the environment-and to distinguish ourselves as a locally based non-profit organization. We thank all who joined, worked, or participated this year, and look forward to continued success next year.

Maggie Stier
Executive Director

KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

There were several important personnel changes in the Kearsarge District in the past year. Ms. Judy Pellettieri, formerly Principal of the Grantham Village School, was appointed as Principal of Simonds Elementary in Warner. Ms. Phil Landrigan, formerly lead teacher, was appointed Principal of Sutton Elementary. And Dr. James Connally, formerly Assistant Principal of Wachusett Regional High School, was appointed Principal of Kearsarge Regional High School. These new principals have made excellent progress in their new jobs and are living up to our high expectations.

In accordance with the vote on last year's warrant, we implemented kindergarten in the Kearsarge District. Construction of new facilities at New London, Sutton, and Bradford and refurbishment at Simonds was accomplished on schedule and within budget. Five new teachers were hired and the kindergarten began operation on schedule with a new curriculum consistent with District objectives.

In addition to the five kindergarten teachers, we hired 16 new teachers last year, two for new positions and the remainder to replace teachers who retired or moved away. We established a new professional development institute to assist these new teachers and to assure consistency and focus throughout the professional development program.

The Board spent considerable time over the past year determining the facility needs of the District and preparing plans to meet those needs. The result of this study is reflected in several warrant articles for the voters' consideration. Growth in the Kearsarge District has been more rapid than we expected, particularly affecting the high school and middle school student populations. The capacity of the high school is 650 students which we once thought would be adequate until 2005. We already exceed that with 663 students. This year's graduating class of 126 students will be replaced by an incoming class of 179 who are now in 8th grade, thus adding to the crowding. Our best projection over the next ten years is for 773 students by 2012. Fortunately when we last expanded the high school, we designed for the future addition of a second floor and the steel and foundations already provide for it. Article 1 on the Warrant provides for the appropriation of \$2,841,358 which would be bonded over 20 years at an interest rate of 4.56%. State Aid would pay 45% of the cost. The estimated impact on Newbury taxpayers would be 5 cents per \$1000 next year and 12 cents thereafter.

The Middle School also critically needs attention. The building is old and needs major repair. Virtually no room meets state standards and there are numerous ADA and code violations. The theoretical capacity of the building based on state minimum standards is 472 students and we currently have 520 students. Parking and traffic flow are poor and the athletic fields have inadequate space. Because of the age and design of the building and the limitations of the site, we do not believe that refurbishment is cost effective. Moreover, we have no place to put the students during the construction and refurbishment period. We considered building two small middle schools, but concluded after several public hearings that the operating cost difference of running two schools rather than one was not cost effective since good design and program can preserve most of the educational advantages of a smaller school. Article 6 on the Warrant asks the voters for \$178,000 to fund the engineering and architectural studies to design a new centrally located middle school. The effect on the Newbury tax rate would be 12 cents. Article 7 asks for \$100,000 to select a site and to obtain a purchase option. The effect would be 7 cents on the tax rate.

Kearsarge has a good school system but it can only reach its potential with greater participation of parents and citizens. There are many opportunities to participate ranging from running for school board or budget committee, to volunteering in the schools, or just discussing with teachers and other parties how to improve results for kids. There are few things more important to a community than a good school system. Please be involved.

Dean E. Bensley
Member from Newbury

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Cemetery Trustees are very excited about the incredible progress made this year. Our new cemetery, the Booth Sherman at the corner of South Road and Pleasant View Road, became operational after many years of planning and preparation. Survey work was completed in June and granite boundaries now mark the six sections and peripheral boundaries. Approximately sixty grave sites were created in Sections II and III. More plots will be laid out each year as needed and the Booth Sherman will ultimately become the largest cemetery in Newbury.

A few sites remain for sale in the Lakeside cremation area and family-size lots in the Marshall. Please consider turning in your lot for resale should you move away and find that you no longer want the property. Speak to a trustee about this if you are concerned. Also all current deed holders need to keep us informed of any change of address.

After nearly three years of countless hours of volunteer effort, we have finished placing all cemetery records in a computer database. This contains information about all known burials and deeds in each of the eleven Newbury cemeteries. We will continue to improve upon the records as more information becomes available. Essentially, we are ready to make this material available to the Town of Newbury and State of New Hampshire for use by researchers, genealogists, and others who would like access to this information.

A new policy of charging a fee for perpetual care was instituted in July of 2001. This money goes to the perpetual care fund to help defray the increasing costs of maintaining the cemeteries. Deed holders who purchased their lots prior to July may wish to donate to the fund.

In September, we were able to devote attention and resources to restoration work in the Marshall Cemetery. Several rows of monuments were reset and restored to their upright positions. Obelisks and other monuments remain to be done next year. Then we plan to focus on the South Newbury Cemetery which badly needs both restoration and cleaning work.

The chairman attended two statewide sessions again this year. In Concord, the April training session presented new information about cemetery management. The September meeting in Hollis was the annual meeting of the Old Graveyard Association with a speaker and afternoon tour of burial grounds.

We are expecting to have the official opening and dedication of the Booth Sherman Cemetery in the fall of 2002. Friends of the Cemeteries will be meeting early in the year and we hope to have the date firmed up by town meeting time.

Copies of the revised "Regulations of Newbury Cemeteries" are available at the town office. Special thanks to all who have helped in any way to assist the trustees in their many and varied tasks this year.

Mary Bachelder, Chair
William Annable
Richard Wright

Bean Cemetery: Photo by Al Bachelder



PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board regularly meets the third Tuesday of each month to provide advice on conceptual projects, preliminary plans for subdivisions, lot line adjustments, property annexations, and site planning. Work sessions are also scheduled to review conditions, analyze trends, evaluate site investigations, and develop new or revised regulations to meet current and projected requirements. In response to property applications this year, the following hearings and actions were taken:

- Annexations and Lot Line Adjustments: Two preliminary reviews were conducted and six annexations and lot line adjustments were approved.
- Conceptual Projects: Seven projects were reviewed and guidance given on various aspects of each.
- Site Plan Reviews: Four preliminary reviews were conducted and five final public hearings were held.
- Subdivisions: Four preliminary or informal reviews were conducted and three final plans were approved at public hearings.
- Special Reviews, Investigations and/or Hearings were conducted in several sessions and multiple site investigations involving serious soil erosion and siltation incidents. These further involved coordination with the New Hampshire Site Specific Board and Wetlands Board. A soils erosion prevention and stabilization consultant was engaged to assist with regular site inspections and to provide reports to the Board and to the Board of Selectmen. Inspections of Old Province Road, Cheney Road, and roads in the Southview subdivision were conducted, as were three inspections of gravel pits.

In addition to the above, the Planning Board held work sessions to review proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and draft clarifications and changes. The proposed amendments include:

- Requirement for an erosion control plan for construction and/or earth disturbance within the Shoreland Overlay District which extends 300 feet inland from lakes, ponds, and permanent streams.
- A revision of the definition of Wetlands to be consistent with the N H Code of Administrative Rules of the NH Wetlands Board.

The Board recommends these amendments and hopes you will approve them at Town Meeting. Your observations, concerns, and recommendations during the year are welcomed at the monthly meetings in person or by letter. Your participation in hearings and meetings is encouraged.

Our town continues to experience increased development demands and expansion pressures in many areas. During 2002, the Board will study closely opportunities to protect and maintain our rural environment and aesthetics, while seeking a balanced approach to property utilization and improvements.

The Board members have contributed many hours during the year in the best interests and objectives of the town and their active participation is much appreciated. Please join me in extending your thanks to this dedicated team.

Ron Williams, Chairman

Lake Avenue, 2001: Photo by S. Candidus



UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit, voluntary association of 30 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire and has been serving the region since 1963. The majority of the region's residents work, shop, go to school and obtain most other services in one of the region's three socioeconomic centers: the Upper Valley core of Hartford/Lebanon/Hanover, Sullivan County's Claremont-Newport job center, or the New London/Lake Sunapee area. One of our purposes is to guide, coordinate and promote sound economic growth and development, and prepare, maintain and implement a comprehensive regional plan for these areas. Your community's membership in the regional planning commission provides you with a voice in regional and statewide decision-making that affects the future of your community, such as: where growth should occur and what special places our citizens want protected for future generations; what the responsibilities are of job centers to the surrounding communities that provide homes for their workers; how to allocate federal transportation dollars to best balance the needs of residents with those passing through; and state obligations to our communities when they issue permits that may have significant scenic impacts, or threaten water quality, or change our villages and downtowns.

It has been a busy year for us, with several new initiatives under way. With our economic development partners, we have begun steps to extend the eligibility for increased federal economic development funding that we brought to eastern Vermont this year to our New Hampshire communities in the coming years. The Upper Valley Housing Needs Assessment we coordinated began to answer some important questions about the economic development, land use and social issues interacting with our region's housing supply, and the November Workforce Housing Summit we initiated as follow-up provided a forum to begin developing solutions. The transportation needs of our busiest population center are being addressed more cooperatively through our assistance with the creation of a public-private Transportation Management Association, and our rural villages will get some help steering federal and state transportation dollars to better meet their needs through our upcoming Rural Village Highway Design Guide. Building on our long history of involvement in the Connecticut River watershed, we are currently involved in watershed protection activities in the Cold River, Sugar River and Mascoma River watersheds in New Hampshire, and the Lull's Brook and White River watersheds in Vermont. The Mascoma River watershed work is coupled with our first comprehensive hazard mitigation planning effort.

In addition to involvement in regional issues, UVLSRPC provides technical assistance to member communities with the development and implementation of local plans. Areas of expertise available include, but are not limited to, land use planning and regulation, transportation planning, emergency management, natural resource planning, mapping, community development and grant administration. Our professional planning staff, data, maps and library regularly provide information, guidance and training to local officials and board members and many area nonprofits, such as housing and land trusts, public transit providers, and solid waste and watershed groups.

In 2001, a few examples of our work for the Town of Newbury included:

- * Continued to provide Circuit Rider Planner services to the Planning Board including assistance with current planning activities and proposals to amend the Zoning Ordinance.
- * Coordinated with NH Department of Resources and Economic Development regarding public input into Mount Sunapee 5-Year Master Plan and provided comments on the Plan.
- * Assisted with transportation enhancement application.
- * Provided information on certain land use ordinance definitions.
- * Provided information on design review process.
- * Organized a household hazardous waste collection.
- * Provided traffic data.

We appreciate Newbury's participation and support and look forward to continuing to serve your community in the coming years.

Tara E. Bamford
Interim Executive Director

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Building in Newbury was on the increase again this past year, especially on lake properties. 2002 promises even greater activity in all districts.

It would seem that Newbury is doing its best to keep the economy growing. Not everyone is happy about this, but the Newbury boards and town departments are working smoothly and carefully handling the inevitable growth.

The ZBA has a Planning Board member as well as a board member of the LSPA and, of course, our wonderful building inspector. Two new alternates will add dimension to the board and we look forward to another year of volunteer service to the town of Newbury.

We note with sadness the death of our former secretary, Sue Young.

Our work for the year included 13 public hearings with 27 decisions:

- * 2 Appeals from Administrative Decisions: 1 denied, 1 withdrawn
- * 5 applications for Variances: 1 denied, 1 withdrawn, 2 granted, 1 granted with conditions
- * 20 applications for Special Exceptions: 1 denied, 10 granted, 9 granted with conditions

There are no court cases pending.

*Betsy Soper
Chairperson*

Marshall Cemetery: Photo by Al Bachelder



NEWBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2001 we have seen a lot of changes in the world, the nation, the state and locally. From the worldwide acts of terrorism to the state school funding issues, local towns and public safety departments have had to adapt their training and budgetary requirements. Issues confronting us in the future will be varied and complex from biological and chemical to high tech. We are committed to continue to train and be prepared to meet these challenges in the future.

Locally the biggest impact through the year has been the increase in traffic and population. While we have had a number of residential dwellings built this year, the real impact has been the daytime population. In the winter, the Mount Sunapee Resort has had up to 7,000 guests on a weekend day. And as we all know the summer population jumps dramatically.

With an increase in the population we have seen an increase in the number and severity of incidents. We have made arrests in a number of major incidents including burglary and arson. That is the good news. The bad news is that the subjects involved were young adults and juveniles. To address the need for prevention and investigations, patrols have been increased, some with grant monies and by adding hours to the part-time account. For example we have added a three-hour foot patrol during the summer concerts. The town beach area continues to draw from towns 10 and 20 miles away and has become a gathering area for young people.

Police Department Open House to view 2001 renovation: Photo by Ed Candidus



The addition to the Safety Services Building has been completed and this has had a positive morale-building effect on everyone. The design has worked out well making good use of the available space. We thank you for your commitment to this very important project. We also thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support and Hank Thomas for acting as clerk of the works.

The future will see a number of changes. In June, State Police will be switching to the digital radio system. Through a federal grant we have received three digital mobile radios and they have been installed in our police cruisers. We are trying to coordinate an effort with the other area police departments to improve our ability to effectively respond to serious or extraordinary events. Towards this goal we received from Wheelabrator Claremont, Co. a donation of equipment to assist us in starting this process.

In closing, we, the members of the Police Department, would like to thank you for your continued support.

*James Valiquet
Henry Thomas
Glen Drewniak
Phil Blaisdell
David Seastrand
E. Neill Cobb
Carolyn Cassady
Matt McClay
Brad Wheeler
Alan Soucy
Deborah Lacombe*

POLICE CALLS - 2001

	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	1	2	0	0	0
Assault, Aggravated	0	0	0	0	1
Simple Assault	1	5	11	1	4
Arson	0	2	0	0	0
Burglary	5	7	3	7	11
Attempted Suicide	1	3	0	0	0
Thefts	81	80	54	37	63
Shoplifting	0	2	0	0	0
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	0	1	2	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	1	0
Fraud	17	7	5	4	11
Recovered Stolen Property	0	0	1	0	0
Criminal Mischief	13	16	5	22	26
Discharge of Firearms	1	2	3	5	0
Illegal Possession/Firearms	0	1	0	0	0
Sexual Offenses	1	0	1	0	2
Drug Offenses	12	3	8	9	11
Family Offenses	7	1	3	1	1
Neglect	1	0	0	0	1
Driving While Intoxicated	8	7	14	7	14
Liquor Violations	1	5	2	3	8
Public Intoxication	1	4	3	25	9
Disorderly Conduct	3	3	10	3	1
False Public Alarm	0	0	2	1	0
Disturbance Fight	0	3	3	5	1
Domestic Dispute	6	1	5	7	12
Violation of Prot. Ord.	3	1	0	0	0
Harassment By Phone	9	6	5	4	7
Noise Complaints	11	5	8	10	12
Unwanted Guest	1	0	0	1	7
Breach of the Peace	0	4	2	2	0
Fireworks Complaints	2	1	0	1	3
Resisting Arrest	2	1	0	1	1
Criminal Threatening	3	2	2	2	3
	40	27	37	37	47
Other Offenses					
(Non-Traffic)	5	0	5	0	2
OHRV Complaints	0	0	1	0	0

Paper Service	17	18	23	7	12
Trespassing	7	3	6	6	8
Warrant Service	2	1	2	2	2
Restraining Orders	6	5	2	7	8
Violation of Town Ord	10	4	1	26	0
Littering	9	3	2	0	5
	56	34	42	48	37
Juvenile Offenses					
Truancy	0	0	0	0	0
Incorrigible	0	0	1	2	0
Runaway	3	2	0	8	0
Other (Delinquency)	0	1	0	3	16
	3	3	1	13	16
Miscellaneous Traffic Complaints					
Abandoned Motor Veh.	27	16	30	8	11
Traffic Hazard	6	22	8	25	28
Parking Offenses	11	4	17	6	13
Motor Vehicle Lockout	7	0	4	5	6
All Other	6	3	35	25	33
	57	45	94	69	91
Miscellaneous Calls					
Found Property	21	21	27	15	12
Hazard Non-motor Veh.	7	20	6	8	21
Lost Property	19	14	19	7	14
Lost or Stolen Plates	4	3	2	3	4
Missing Person (adult)	2	3	5	0	3
Missing Person (juvenile)	1	0	2	4	3
Probation/Parole Violation	0	1	0	0	0
Register Sex Offender	1	1	0	0	0
Police Information	97	76	52	54	81
Safekeeping	0	0	0	4	11
Suspicious Person/Veh	69	69	60	35	55
Other Misc. Calls	23	9	119	59	71
Accidents - Non-motor	0	5	0	0	0
	244	222	292	189	275
Motor Vehicle Accidents					
Personal Injury	14	10	6	8	6
Property Damage Only	39	35	35	46	44
Hit and Run	1	1	0	0	0
	54	46	41	54	50
Motor Vehicle Violations					
Summonses	200	132	115	104	142
Written Warnings	1021	913	1274	943	974

Motor Vehicle Checks	41	10	12	20	11
Complaints	35	1	3	1	25
Felony Arrest	0	2	0	0	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	2	2	2	2	9
Operating After Susp.	3	1	0	0	0
Operating without Lic.	0	0	5	1	0
Other Violations	4	5	0	0	0
Defective Equipment	10	34	35	34	28
	1316	1100	1446	1105	1189
Assists					
Emergency Medical	8	8	20	55	62
Fire	43	64	51	24	18
Other Police Agency	151	120	114	142	129
Public	146	144	4	57	122
Town Office	3	3	0	0	0
Public Works	2	10	0	0	0
	353	349	189	278	331
Service					
Vacant House Check	53	102	74	17	80
Vacant House Check	88	265	32	86	273
Business Checks	415	750	349	64	100
Public Building Check	406	956	-	-	-
Unsecured Building	1	11	17	6	8
Pistol Permits	22	16	25	7	6
Brady Bill Checks	0	0	0	0	0
Lockouts	4	0	1	11	20
Escorts	0	0	3	0	21
Emergency Message	0	2	0	0	0
VIN Verification	11	1	0	0	2
Misc.	26	21	0	0	0
	1026	2124	501	191	510
Animal Complaints					
Dog Ordinance Viol.	17	42	18	26	42
Dog Bite	4	3	5	1	3
All Other (dog)	77	30	57	25	24
Complaints (other misc.)	30	11	11	8	15
	128	86	91	60	84
Alarms					
Commercial	30	37	26	28	13
Public Building	0	0	5	2	8
Residential	88	89	82	84	69
911 Responses	38	22	-	-	-
	156	148	113	114	90

Community Contacts	0	2	1	11	5
Untimely Death	4	1	0	1	1
Directed Patrol	11	5	29	19	93
Welfare Check	10	8	-	-	-
TOTAL	25	16	30	31	99

Photo S. Candidus



NEWBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were 120 calls in 2001, the same amount as in 2000. These are detailed below.

This year the addition to the Safety Services Building was completed. This gave our Police Department more needed office and storage space. The Fire Department also has a large storage space above the new addition which was needed.

We purchased an air compressor to fill our breathing apparatus which is a necessity for fighting fires and other incidents where there is contaminated air. This purchase was 50 percent from budget and 50 percent from fundraising and donations.

Due to the September 11 incident the members of the Fire Department voted to purchase a flagpole from fundraising and donations. The flagpole will be erected in January 2002. The pole will be dedicated to the heroes of September 11 with a dedication service in 2002.

I would like to thank the community for their continued support.

I also want to thank all my members for their time at emergency calls, their time training and their time working on the fire station and equipment.

*Henry E. Thomas, Jr.
Fire Chief*

Photo by Michael von Redlich



Department Officers

Assistant Chief	David Smith
Captain	Kevin Walker
Lieutenants	Ken Burnell, Ed Thorson, Colin Nelson, Pam Drewniak
Clerk	James Drewniak
Treasurer	Robin Parkhurst
Communications	David Kinsman
Prevention	George Mellen
Medical	Pam Drewniak
Standing Committee	John Croteau, Jen Smith, Mike Meninno

Department Calls 2001

Auto Accidents	19	False Alarms	8
Boat Rescues	2	Brush Fires	3
Trauma	10	In-house Medical	25
Mutual Aid	14	Respiratory Problems	6
Chimney Fire	1	Natural Death	4
Vehicle Fires	7	Search & Rescue	0
Fuel Spills	3	Wires Down	1
Cardiac Problems	3	Service Call	2
Smoke/Odor Problems	6	Structure Fires	6
		Total	120

BRADFORD RESCUE SQUAD

The Bradford Rescue Squad responded to 137 calls in 2001. These calls were in Bradford, and adjacent areas in Newbury, Sutton and Warner. The majority of these calls were for medical assistance and the patients were transported to either New London Hospital or Concord Hospital. We also respond to all fire calls to standby for any potential need for medical care.

The Squad is completely volunteer, and made up of members who live in the local area. We are funded both through the towns we support and through tax-deductible donations from people in the community.

The Squad celebrated its 30th anniversary of service in 2001. A reception was held at Appleseed Restaurant to thank all the past and current members for their commitment over the many years. The turnout was great and everyone had a good time renewing old friendships. It is interesting to note that nearly 200 people were a part of the Squad over the 30 years.

The commitment to become a member of a volunteer rescue squad is great. The initial training, the on-going training and re-certification every two years, and being on-call require a great amount of time. The job is demanding, yet it is also very rewarding to know you are providing a valuable service to your family, friends and neighbors. There is an inherent turnover of personnel and we are always looking for new members. If you have an interest in becoming a member of Bradford Rescue Squad, please contact me or a member of the Squad.

My personal thanks to all the members of the Squad for all of the many hours and hard work you put in, and for your enthusiastic commitment to the spirit of community. Also, my sincere thanks to all of you, the people of the community, who have helped and supported the Squad with your kind and generous financial support over our 30 years of service.

*Jim Powell,
Captain*

Officers

Mike Dunn, EMT-I
Chuck Johnsen, FR

Steve Manley, Driver
Jim Powell, EMT
Linda Powell, EMT
Tony Sullivan, EMT
Sue Vitale, EMT

Members

Retta Brown, EMT-I	Bobbi Johnsen, EMT
Gary Dion, Paramedic	Alan McCartney, Paramedic
Karen Dion, Paramedic	Jack Meaney, Driver
Bruce Edwards, EMT	Brian Meyer, EMT
Mary Beth Fenton, EMT	John Niederriter, Driver
Peter Fenton, FR	Sue Sneck, EMT
Lee Ann Freire, EMT	Felicia Starr, EMT
Steve Garcia, EMT pending	Preston Starr, EMT
Mark Goldberg, EMT	Jim Valiquet, EMT
Trish Goldberg, Driver	Dick Vitale, Driver
Chuck Goodale, EMT	

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - 2002

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the twelfth (12) day of March, next at One of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to existing zoning ordinances.

The town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the White Star Function Hall on Route 103 in South Newbury.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800,109 for general operations:

	2001	2002
1. EXECUTIVE OFFICE	\$108,581	\$114,744
2. ELECTION AND REGISTRATION	2,490	5,625
3. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	66,346	78,236
4. LEGAL EXPENSE	25,000	15,000
5. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	165,600	185,050
6. PLANNING	10,750	13,000
7. ZONING	3,250	3,250
8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	26,050	25,650
9. CEMETERIES	16,942	16,880
10. INSURANCE	28,298	32,500
11. REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	2,993	3,484
12. TOWN REPORTS	3,800	4,000
13. POLICE DEPARTMENT	199,181	212,738
14. FIRE DEPARTMENT	51,868	58,440
15. FOREST FIRES	600	600
16. BUILDING INSPECTION	3,974	3,974
17. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY	100	100
18. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	327,201	332,466
HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION	216,750	232,500

19. STREET LIGHTING	14,700	14,500
20. TRANSFER STATION	156,068	182,383
21. HEALTH AGENCIES, CAP	14,549	8,983
22. WELFARE	21,310	13,260
23. INFORMATION BOOTH	3,890	3,890
24. PARKS & RECREATION	25,673	25,673
25. LIBRARY	43,092	52,898
26. CONSERVATION COMMISSION	625	625
27. HISTORICAL SOCIETY	250	250
28. INTEREST-TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	500	500
29. SEWER DEPARTMENT	56,290	60,340
30. BOND/NOTE PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	40,913	39,675
31. AMBULANCE DEDUCTIBLES	1,000	1,000
32. SAFETY COMMUNICATION SERVICES	21,141	22,950
33. CAPITAL OUTLAY	34,945	34,945
TOTAL	\$1,694,720	\$1,800,109

4. To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,000 for the following existing capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$10,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$50,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$10,000
AMBULANCE	\$ 3,000
RECREATION FACILITY	\$ 5,000
REVALUATION	\$50,000

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$3,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$5,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$4,000

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,330 to install new high- pressure sodium street lights.

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,288 for a new police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of \$23,288 from the Police Cruiser fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,800 for a tractor at the Blodgett Landing Treatment Plant and further authorize the transfer of \$18,800 from the Blodgett Landing special revenue undesignated fund balance. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

10. To see if the town will vote to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of controlling milfoil in lakes in Newbury, including, but not limited to, research and education related to milfoil, and other actions the Board of Selectmen may deem necessary related to milfoil, and furthermore raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be placed in this fund, and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects as provided by RSA 674:5-8. and furthermore authorize the raising and appropriation of \$4,000 for this purpose. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

12. To see if the town will vote to designate Cheney Road, from the intersection with Chalk Pond Road to the intersection with Old Post Road, and Old Province Road, from the intersection with Cheney Road to the intersection with Old Post Road, as scenic roads, as provided under RSA 231, Sections 157 and 158. (By petition.)

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$219,770 to pave the unpaved portion of Rollins Road that begins after the lower paved section to its cul de sac. This amount also includes all funds necessary to prepare the road for paving. (By petition; not recommended by the Selectmen.)

14. To see if the town will vote to accept Winding Brook Road (1.3 miles) in Mountainside at Newbury Association. Subject

to approval of the Highway Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. (By petition.)

15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey the Town's interest in the abandoned route 103 road-bed abutting land of Alice Gove, Tax Map #50 Lot #563-237, on such terms as the Selectmen may deem in the best interests of the Town. (By petition.)

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

NEWBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James M. Powell, Chairman

David Kinsman

Richard Wright

Newbury Harbor Park: Photo by S. Candidus



BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF NEWBURY. N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3,v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	108581	107888	114744
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	2490	2571	5625
Financial Administration	66346	65492	78236
Legal Expense	35000	59811	15000
Personnel Administration	165600	64933	185050
Planning & Zoning	14000	13323	20250
General Government Buildings	26050	25900	25650
Cemeteries	16942	16679	16880
Insurance	28298	29442	32500
Advertising and Regional Associations	2993	3129	3484
Other General Government	3800	4194	4000
Public Safety			
Police Department	199181	187605	212738
Ambulance	1000	0	1000
Fire Department	52468	50672	59040
Building Inspection	3974	3584	3974
Emergency Management	100	0	100
Other Public Safety (including Communications)	21141	19522	22950
Highways and Streets			
Administration	543951	523507	564966
Street Lighting	14700	12825	14500
Sanitation			
Administration	61318	66899	70883
Solid Waste Disposal	93250	106798	107500
Solid Waste Recycling	1500	2713	4000
Health			
Health Agencies and Hospitals	14549	8549	8983
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	21310	13173	13260

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3,v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
Culture and Recreation			
Parks and Recreation	25673	24816	25673
Library	43092	43092	52898
Other Culture and Recreation	4140	3529	4140
Conservation			
Purchases of Natural Resources	625	625	625
Debt Service			
Principal, Long-Term			
Bonds and Notes	30000	30000	30000
Interest, Long-Term			
Bonds and Notes	10913	10913	9675
Interest on TAN	500	0	500
Capital Outlay			
Land & Improvements	68952	36676	33647
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	98628	83602	41916
Buildings	92500	92399	0
Improvements	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out			
To Special Revenue Fund	56290	55747	79140
To Capital Reserve Fund	128000	128000	134000
To Expendable Trust Funds	12000	12000	12000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	2069855	2010608	2009527

SOURCE OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	30000	64550	30000
Yield Taxes	25000	30637	32000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	20000	14169	20000
Other Taxes	12500	10757	12500
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	45000	38316	45000
Excavation Activity Tax	13500	8759	10000
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses and Permits	8000	7587	8000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	310000	308749	320000
Building Permits	8000	9357	10000

	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2000	1257	2000
From State			
Shared Revenue	12000	12074	12000
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	43000	46280	48000
Highway Block Grant	81372	81372	82369
Forest Land Reimbursement	1250	1358	1400
Other	36635	36635	0
From Other Governments	0	0	0
Charges For Services			
Income from Departments	30000	29958	30000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	39000	16352	20000
Interest on Investments	65000	49214	60000
Other	15000	19647	15000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
Special Revenue Funds	56290	59009	79040
Capital Reserve Fund	66000	64975	23288
Cemetery	1600	0	3200
Other Financing Sources			
Long-Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	
"Surplus"	40000	50000	50000
TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS	961147	961012	913797
		2001	2002
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		2069855	2009527
Less: Amount of			
Estimated Revenues		961147	913797
Amount of Taxes to be Raised		1108708	1095730

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

I would like to start off this year's annual report by thanking Ed Thorson for his long dedication and service to Newbury's Emergency Management and Public Safety agencies.

The year 2001 was a very difficult one for all of us, and particularly so for those in Public Safety. In Newbury, those serving Public Safety have always been proactive with respect to providing training and development of skills and resources necessary to best serve our residents and guests. This past year, we continued to integrate Police, Fire and Emergency Medical resources by improving the skill sets of employees and volunteers.

As Emergency Management Director, I have maintained and further developed our communication channels with both the NH Office of Emergency Management in Concord as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Washington, DC. I will continue to attend training sessions and meetings sponsored by these agencies to ensure Newbury has ready access to information and resources which may be needed locally.

In the coming year it is my intention to develop an active Emergency Management Committee in Newbury, composed of representation from the Board of Selectmen, Police, Fire and Highway departments. This committee will further develop contingency and action plans to prepare for events requiring quick and effective utilization of emergency resources. Both prior to and following the disastrous events of 11 September, we provided emergency response training to Police and Fire Department personnel related to acts of terrorism and contamination by chemical and biological agents. While those of us among command staff and management of the public safety agencies remain confident and hopeful that future acts of terrorism will be avoided, we will maintain appropriate resources and preparations to respond to these events should the need ever arise. With the assistance and support of the skilled and dedicated members of Newbury's public safety and local government, our local Emergency Management Agency will continue to provide the services our community deserves.

Philip F. Blaisdell
Emergency Management Director

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

2001 was a very good year with regard to wildland fire safety in the town of Newbury. It was very dry, especially during the entire fall, and permits were shut down state-wide for extended periods of time. Thank you all for your patience in obtaining permits. We were able to get some burning in on a few rainy days and evenings. We had only a couple of very minor incidents that were quickly handled and could have been prevented with a phone call. Education and communication with regards to permits and state laws is lacking throughout the state. I hope that this year I will be able to better address this topic with our townspeople. Seasonal campfire permits are up (double this year), and this is good, indicating that people understand that any open burning requires a permit. Permits must be renewed once the snow cover is gone.

We spent some additional monies this year. We qualified for a federal grant (due to the ice storm) and purchased some much-needed new equipment. This included protective gear and safety equipment for firefighters, hand tools, chainsaws, pumps, hydrants and materials, and foam applicators. These purchases have a value of approximately \$10,000 and cost the town just \$2,000. All of this new equipment will serve us for many years, as does some that we still have in operation after 30 years.

New equipment isn't worth anything if you don't have the people trained and willing to use it. I want to thank the members of the Newbury Fire Department for taking wildland fires as just another part of their job and responding, as they do for all emergencies within our town.

Thanks also to the Deputy Wardens - a good group of level-headed people - the Newbury Police Department, and New London Dispatch. They all make this job easier and act within the best interests of the town. Special thanks to my wife, Jennifer, for answering phone questions, returning many calls, and issuing permits in my absence.

David G. Smith
Newbury Warden
938-5925

STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in the state. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground at the site and surrounding area is completely covered with snow. If you have any questions regarding ANY outside burning, contact your local Forest Fire Warden. Violations of the fire permit law (RSA 227-L:17) are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus the cost of fire suppression.

Only you can prevent wildland fires. When burning brush, build small piles that can be burned quickly and extinguished. Homeowners can protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are identified with street numbers. For more fire safety information, call 271-2217 or contact the Division of Forests and Lands website at www.nhdf.com.

Douglas C. Miner
Forest Ranger

2001 Fire Statistics (reported through November 26, 2001)

Fires Reported by County	Causes of Fires Reported
Belknap 89	Illegal 279
Carroll 62	Unknown 201
Cheshire 147	Smoking 86
Coos 53	Children 69
Grafton 109	Campfires 49
Hillsborough 198	Rekindle of Permit 45
Merrimack 70	Arson 31
Rockingham 135	Lightning 24
Stratford 57	Misc. 158
Sullivan 22	

Total Fires942 (516 in 2000)

Total Acres428 (149 in 2000)

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

For the past several months our news media have constantly reminded us of a recession - but this is certainly not the case in the building trades in our area.

2001 was a record year for building permits issued in Newbury: 106 permits were issued. Here are the numbers:

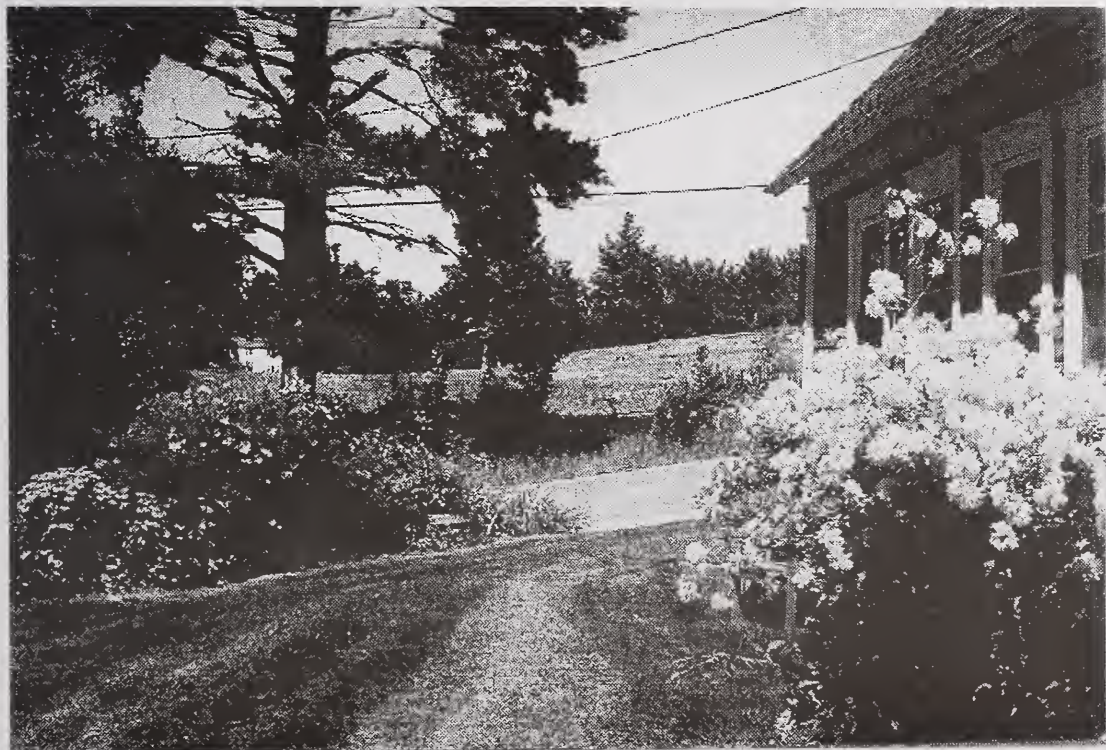
28	new houses	1	retail building
20	decks & porches	1	sap house
44	garages, barns & sheds	1	tower
32	additions/alterations	3	condos
3	apartments		

As in the past, building permits are issued Wednesday evening by appointment. After the selectmen have approved your application, please call me at home at 938-5481. Evenings are the best time to reach me. When your building project is ready for inspection, please give me the permit number and the owner's name.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a healthy and prosperous 2002!

Del Harris
Building Inspector

Baker Hill House: Photo by S. Candidus



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2001 saw the re-paving of the first mile of Chalk Pond Road and the reclaiming of the second mile. Mountain Road, Lakewood Manor Road and Birch Bluff were shimmed in accordance with the five-year plan. A crack-sealing program was started this year and all roads that were paved or shimmed since 1997 were sealed. We will continue to go over these roads each year to repair any cracks that appear. This procedure should go a long way toward extending the life of the road by keeping water from getting under the pavement.

Last winter started out rather uneventfully but ended with a bang with two major storms back-to-back in March, leaving us with about six feet of snow. The construction season was busy with paving, shimming, rock removal, culvert replacement and numerous other projects, including the widening of Old Province Road by Cheney Road, re-graveling of Mountain Road, and grinding and dust control.

The new pick-up and one-ton trucks were delivered and are working out very well.

One issue that I hope the town will address is the need for a Capital Reserve Fund for future repair and replacement of the town bridges. Currently none of them are on the state's "red list" deeming them unsafe, but it is evident that work on the bridges is needed to maintain their usefulness and safety. A Capital Reserve Fund would make it possible for us to develop a priority plan to work on the bridges over the next few years.

Finally, I would like to thank the Highway Department staff for their dedication and commitment, the Board of Selectmen and Town Office staff, the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance, and the town's residents for their continued support.

Cal Prussman
Highway Administrator

BLODGETT SEWER TREATMENT FACILITY

The Blodgett Landing treatment plant continues to operate effectively despite its age of approximately 50 years. It is monitored on a daily basis, and during 2001, we have done more frequent testing of the wells to make sure levels are within those specified by the state. A new flow meter has been purchased and will be installed in 2002, which will give us more precise readings of the system.

The additional testing and monitoring which we have done this year indicates that we will need to upgrade the system in the near future. Updates at the pump houses and the treatment plant will assure efficient operation of the system and help eliminate problems which have come up from time to time. Bids for the work will be investigated during 2002.

We are hoping the town will agree to acquiring a tractor with a bucket, rake and mower for grooming the beds at the treatment plant. The new building there is working out well for storage and a well has been installed so fresh water is available.

Thanks for your continued support.

Tim Mulder
Chief Operator

Lake Solitude, August 2001: Photo by Michael von Redlich



TRANSFER STATION

The new facility at the Transfer Station continues to handle an increasing amount of disposable materials. We appreciate the cooperation of residents who are helping us recycle, thus reducing our trucking fees. However, fees for disposing of other materials have continued to rise, and a new fee schedule has been put in place to help defray these mounting costs. The new fee schedule is as follows:

- Construction & Demolition materials, including furniture, insulation, painted wood, painted sheet rock, shingles, tar paper, and other building materials:
 - \$25 per half or small pick-up truck
 - \$40 per full-size pick-up truck
 - \$50 per one-ton truck (Loads larger than a one-ton truck can not be accepted.)
- White Goods (appliances):
 - \$10 for stoves, heaters, washers, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, etc.
 - \$15 for refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners
 - \$3 for propane tanks (20 lb.)
- Tires (no rims):
 - \$3 - less than 16"
 - \$10 - 16" and greater (tractor and large equipment tires cannot be accepted)

To make disposal of C & D materials and metals more convenient, ramps have been constructed alongside these trailers for easier access. Other improvements to the facility include the installation of a new septic system and a finished bathroom.

Home composting bins are still available at a price of \$30.

Hazardous Waste Day will be held in Newbury late next summer at a date to be announced. This event will be well publicized.

We remind Newbury residents to obtain stickers for their vehicles for admittance to the Transfer Station. Vouchers for disposing of the materials listed above are available through the town office during regular business hours. Thank you for your cooperation which makes our jobs easier and keeps Newbury clean and litter-free.

Churchill Heselton- Chief Operator
Will Willis- Assistant

INFORMATION BOOTH

The summer of 2001 saw many visitors to Newbury, many of them stopping at the Information Booth to learn about the area. The Caboose Museum attracted visitors of all ages, and the whistle was popular with almost everyone. Many visitors were surprised that the park-like setting at the lakeside was free for anyone to enjoy. We received many inquiries about how much it cost to go into the Caboose Museum, how much to use the picnic area, and could non-residents enjoy our Newbury beach. It was a pleasure to tell visitors that all these attractions were available to everyone at no cost, including the Thursday night concerts.

Fishing was more popular this year and a few folks pulled modest-sized fish out of Lake Sunapee right behind the caboose. The small brooks in the area had their share of fans, too.

Hiking is very popular with all ages and the beautiful maps the Newbury Conservation Commission provided for \$1 were snapped up with delight. Any material about the area was happily received and it was a surprise to many of our foreign visitors that there was no charge for the brochures and booklets about attractions around Lake Sunapee and other parts of the region.

As always, the big New Hampshire Artist and Craftsmen's Fair at Mt. Sunapee brought many visitors to the harbor.

The Bradford KRES held their annual October Fest adjacent to the caboose and featured good food, music, pumpkins, balloons, and crowds all day. The morning rain didn't seem to deter anyone. This year, they donated all their proceeds to assist in the relief efforts in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania following the September 11th disaster.

People seemed to react very positively to Newbury's natural, unspoiled beauty and welcoming manner. The town, with its old-fashioned values, appears much the same as it has always been,

and this may be what attracts so many people to visit, vacation, and think about living here.

Attendants:

Martha von Redlich

Michael von Redlich

Jean Gaito



*Photo by
Martha von Redlich*

LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association is proud to have served residents in the Town of Newbury this year. The life-changing events of September 11 reminded all of us of the value of our community and our country. Our staff traveled more than 500,000 miles this year bringing care to families, friends and neighbors in this region.

Here at LSRVNA we spent the year focusing on ways to improve the care that we provide to you. That process took many forms from assessment of clinical practice standards to ensure a good outcome for the patient and family, to partnerships with other providers to reduce costs, and to investments in technology to improve the care we provide and give us the information we need to make well-informed business decisions.

Several areas are noteworthy. First, our Hospice program cared for 91 patients, the most patients and families since its inception. The Hospice Team, including physicians, clinical staff, support staff and over 50 volunteers, worked to ensure that each patient and family received the support they needed to allow their loved one to remain at home until death.

Second, our Pediatric program expanded its services by adding highly skilled nurses who are able to provide the care necessary to keep children at home with their parents and families—children on ventilators, children with diabetes, cystic fibrosis and orthopedic problems. This means the world to families. One father stated, “Your service has allowed us to be a family again.”

Finally, we invested in an exciting new telehomecare program. Our HomMed Sentry units allow the nurse to monitor a patient’s vital signs daily, review that information here in our office and notify the physician in time to prevent serious complications.

Part of the mission of LSRVNA is to provide other community benefits for residents in the towns we serve. In addition to charity care we provided:

- Lifeline Personal Response System administration for 248 individuals
- Weekly Parent-Child Support group including transportation and child care for more than 40 families
- Community education programs on CPR, caregiver training, advance directives, parenting, healthcare ethics and more
- Trained 10 Hospice volunteers
- Participated in 8 community and business health fairs

- Provided clinical and business experience, internships or job shadowing for 35 high school, technical school and college students
- Provided meeting-room space for outside groups
- Provided medications for needy children
- Provided storage space and distributed food for the Kearsarge Food Pantry
- Provided bereavement support to adults and children through home visits and support groups
- Provided File of Life kits and emergency information to each patient admitted for service
- Provided 20 bicycle helmets for children to prevent injuries
- Provided more than 400 pairs of Tread-mate safety socks to home care and hospice patients as part of our Cozy-Home Safety project

This year 247 residents of Newbury used our services. Our Home Care and Hospice programs provided 1,148 visits to 106 adults and children. We provided 137 immunizations, Life Line services for 3 residents and home telemonitoring for one individual.

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association is grateful for your support. The Board of Trustees and the staff join me in reaffirming their commitment to you to provide the quality home care, hospice and community services you need and expect.

Andrea Steel
President and CEO

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Belknap Merrimack Counties, Inc.

Services Provided to Newbury Residents in 2001

Service	Units Service	Households or Persons	Total Value
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CONGREGATE MEALS:

all elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/senior centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events.

Value \$6.43 per meal.	301 Meals	38 Persons	\$1,935.43
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EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES:

provide up to three days of food for people facing temporary food crisis.

Value \$3.00 per meal.	210 Meals	5 Households	\$630.00
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FUEL ASSISTANCE:

available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.

The average benefit for the '00-'01 program was \$645.00.

17 Applications	51 Individuals	\$12,855.00
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TRANSPORTATION:

provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers, and congregate meal sites.

Value \$6.13 per ridership.	62 Rides	4 Persons	\$380.00
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MEALS-ON-WHEELS:

provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week.

Value \$6.43 per meal.	878 Meals	13 Persons	\$5,645.54
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WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN:

provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education.

Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services at \$41.10 per unit.

134 Vouchers	11 Persons	\$5,507.00
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HEAD START:

is a child development program serving children before they enter public school. Classroom and in-home learning services are provided for both children and their families. Value \$6,904 per child.

2 Children	\$13,808.00
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WEATHERIZATION:

improves the energy efficiency of income-eligible households.
Supplemental program also includes furnace replacement, water heater replacement and roof repair. Value includes average material and labor.

2 Households	3 Persons	\$1,725.00
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GRAND TOTAL: \$42,485.97

4th of July Parade, S. Newbury: Photo by Alice Lynn



FAMILY SERVICES

In 2001, the Town of Newbury, with assistance from two local churches—the South Newbury Union Church and the Healing Springs Church—was able to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for 16 local families. Thanks to the generosity of a local benefactor, the Christmas baskets for parents of children contained certificates for the purchase of gifts. It was very heartwarming to receive this anonymous donation, and it brightened Christmas day for several local youngsters.

Special thanks go to the two local churches for their efforts in organizing and assembling the baskets. The town extends gratitude to all those involved, and especially to Linda Messenger, Roberta Sweet and Ruth Fleming.

The Board of Selectmen has appointed a new Family Services Director, Gail Bostic, who assumes this office in January 2002. I will work with her during the transition period and serve as her deputy. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 763-4940.

Dennis Pavlicek
Acting Family Services Director

4th of July 2001



KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (KCOA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing needed services and programs for area citizens over the age of 55 (and adults who through disability may need assistance) thus enhancing the quality of their lives. Its service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot.

All years seem to be eventful ones for KCOA, but none more so than 2001. We have completed our strategic planning study and are now in a position to start positive planning for KCOA's future. The first and foremost objective which came to light in our studies was the real need for larger and better-proportioned quarters in which to carry out our mission and the need for a kitchen in these larger quarters. As our numbers have grown, so has the popularity of many of the programs held at the Center, and there has become apparent a need to provide the social and health impetus of a meal served at the Center-not every day, but often. With these requirements needing to be met, the Board of Directors, with a grant from the Upper Valley Community Foundation, undertook to do a Feasibility Study to see what our prospects might be to raise enough money for a Senior Center building. The results were promising, and we are now studying our next step.

With the Feasibility Study in progress, accreditation has taken a back burner, but we are gearing up again to get the final leg of this project finished. Our database is important to this subject; we have therefore added a part-time assistant to cover this front.

We are working with the ServiceLink headquarters in Concord and Newport as a satellite to be sure that all necessary information is disseminated to those in our towns who need and want it and referrals made where necessary. Representatives sit on the Merrimack County ServiceLink Board.

Programs continue to expand and to be well attended. Computers at the Center are now equipped to turn out graphics, and our workshops are filled with eager artists. Memoir writing is very popular, as it should be, but has had to be farmed out to a quieter venue! The Courier now prints 1500 copies of its eight-page monthly newsletter that go to individual households, donors, sponsors, town offices and public buildings in the nine towns we represent. The Outdoor Recreation For Seniors (ORFS) program now numbers almost 70 people, about 30 of whom are "regulars." Our "Walk Your Way Through Winter" indoor program is available in six towns.

On the services side, the largest service KCOA provides is, of course, the Transportation Program that has become a model for communities throughout the state. As of November 15, 2001, more than 125 drivers for KCOA have logged 32,000 miles of volunteer driving. This number reflects the strong need, not just for visits to the dentist and doctor and hairdresser, but visits to the medical centers at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord Hospital for dialysis, chemotherapy and other therapies. We define “volunteer” as someone who renders a service without pay—some towns refer to drivers as volunteers when they are recompensed for gasoline.

Fund raising is always a bug-a-boo for non-profit organizations, but this year our one big fundraiser was fun. Our giant yard sale combined with a raffle netted about \$6,000 of badly needed income!

We keep in touch with our volunteers by having periodic meetings and receptions, quite often combining the two. Desk Volunteers and Drivers were brought together in October for discussion, some pointers and a lot of camaraderie.

KCOA is most grateful for the continuing support from the nine-town area it represents, donors to our annual fund drive, foundation grants, sponsors of our newsletter and individual citizens. Thank you all for your generosity!

Judy and Hugh Chapin
Co-Chairmen, KCOA Board of Directors

THE NEW LONDON HOSPITAL SYSTEM OF CARE

To Our Patients, Neighbors and Friends,

Healthcare in America continues to change almost daily, creating challenges that impact medical providers and consumers alike. Everyone is affected, including those of us fortunate enough to live and work in the Lake Sunapee region. Accordingly, 2001 was another year of hard work and adjustment for everyone at New London Hospital, accompanied by satisfaction at what we accomplished and anticipation of the opportunities that lie ahead.

We recognize our challenge at New London Hospital to be three-fold. First, we must build a hospital facility and staff capable of fulfilling the varied healthcare needs of the communities we serve. Second, we must create an environment of trust, care and personal attention that makes us the hospital of choice for all residents within our service area. And third, we must do all in our power to ensure the hospital remains a viable and vital community asset for years to come. We are making significant progress in meeting these challenges, but more needs to be accomplished.

We also recognize that it is our responsibility to keep all interested parties up-to-date on what we have done, what we are planning to do and why. We believe it is up to us to inform people how our actions will make New London Hospital better and why they should utilize the medical services available here. We also believe it is necessary that we maintain an open dialogue with the public, as well as with our medical and support staff-sharing information, listening and responding to questions and concerns.

Our 2001 Annual Report (available by calling the Office of Development and Community Affairs at 526-5373) marked the beginning of a new communication outreach effort. In it, we begin to explain why we are proud of the hospital. From its dedicated people to its high- tech equipment to its location in the heart of the Lake Sunapee region, New London Hospital truly is Capable, Caring and Close. You will be seeing and hearing more from us in the coming months. We hope you find what we have to say about the hospital to be informative and useful.

As always, we thank you for your continued support, and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Maureen A. McNamara

President and CEO

Douglas O'Mara, MD

Medical Staff President

Charles Sebring

Chairman of the Board

Community Benefits Summary

New London Hospital, in compliance with the State of New Hampshire Community Benefits Law, has put together the following documents, which are to be filed with the Attorney General's office by 12/31/2001 and made available for public viewing and comment:

- * Executive Summary
- * Community Benefits Plan Reporting Form
- * New London Hospital Community Benefits Plan for Fiscal Year 2002 (10/1/2001-9/30/2002)
- * Community Benefit Activities Undertaken by New London Hospital in Fiscal Year 2001 (10/1/2000-9/30/2001)
- * Community Needs Assessment

The law states that public input is an integral part of the entire assessment and planning process, and New London Hospital has worked very closely with community members and organizations to make that happen. Though the documents must be filed by 12/31/2001, these are not static documents, but working plans to be used by the hospital and our communities in the months ahead. Therefore, public input is encouraged at any time during the year.

Comments or requests for copies of any of these documents should be directed to Jeana Newbern in the Office of Development and Community Affairs at (603)526-5270 or jeana.newbern@nlh.crhc.org. Three of the documents, the Executive Summary, Community Benefits Plan for Fiscal Year 2002 and the Community Benefit Activities Undertaken in Fiscal Year 2001, can be viewed on the hospital's web site at www.newlondonhospital.org.

Category/Description	Unreimbursed Cost FY2001	Estimated Cost FY2002
Charity Care Health care services to individuals who cannot afford to pay	\$239,347	\$500,000
Community Services Classes, education for K-12 students, health fairs, lectures, screenings, support groups, women's health programs, worksite health promotion, etc.	30,943	33,489
Medical Education Continuing education, financial assistance for individuals to advance in the health care field, internships for college and vo-tech students	82,066	95,560
Subsidized Health Services Services needed by the community, which operate at a loss, such as ABC's day care, ambulance and primary care	1,359,355	1,965,000
Cash/In-kind Ambulance coverage at community events, coordination of ARCH and needs assessment process, meeting room space, role in disaster preparedness, support of The Rock Dental Clinic, etc.	32,866	54,646
Total	\$1,744,577	\$2,648,695

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The major accomplishment of this year was the acceptance and publication of the Newbury Natural Resources Inventory. This inventory, which is mandated by state law, is an in-depth study of the land and water resources of the town. It is meant to aid in planning for town growth and preservation. The printing costs were paid from the conservation fund after a public hearing and from one hundred dollars donated for that purpose. Copies of the report are available for loan at the library. Persons who are engaged in research or planning may pick up a copy at the town office.

Early in the year, the commission was approached by a landowner to see if it would be interested in buying two parcels of land for preservation. Following an investigation and considerable discussion, the commission decided that it had no interest in one parcel, but thought that the other parcel merited more consideration. After further discussion with the landowner and other interested parties, it was decided to table the matter for the present.

The commission engaged Erica Blom, a Project SERVE intern, to study biodiversity in the vicinity of the old railroad bed near Morse Lane. From the handbook: "Project SERVE (Students for Environmental Resource Volunteerism Education) is a high school credit program, funded and directed by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. It was developed to provide a means for students to experience an on-site environmental research project and to offer Conservation Commissions and other environmental organizations assistance in achieving their goals." She found an abundance of wildlife and some rare plants as well as some impact from human users.

The owners of the Southview subdivision offered the commission a conservation easement on ten acres of their common land. The commission concluded that it could not bear that responsibility, and suggested another way that the owners could meet the requirement imposed on them by the Wetlands Bureau.

During the year the commission reviewed sixteen Intent-to-Cut notices and made visits to most sites to advise on potential environmental problems. The commission also reviewed DES Wetlands applications for nine dock repairs, four boathouse repairs, eight boatslip repairs, and nine other projects in Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction.

William Weiler
Chair

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board, Town of Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Newbury management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the information discussed in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newbury as of December 31, 2000, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

*GRZELAK AND COMPANY, PC., CPAs
Laconia, New Hampshire
May 11, 2001*

TOWN OF NEWBURY COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2000

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				FIDUCIARY FUNDS	ACCOUNT GROUPS	TOTALS
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS			
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$1,447,454	\$139,872		\$84,541		MEMO ONLY	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		6,563				\$1,671,867	
TAXES RECEIVABLE	366,762					6,563	
INVESTMENTS	611,596	16,857		368,658		366,762	
DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	3,659					997,111	
DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS		10,877				3,659	
AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED FOR GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS					\$422,085	10,877	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,429,471	\$174,169		\$453,199	\$422,085	422,085	
LIABILITIES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	MEMO ONLY	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$41,083					\$41,083	
DUE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT	1,721,167					1,721,167	
DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	352,259					352,259	
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	10,877					10,877	
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	89,127			79,975		169,102	
CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS					149,820	149,820	
COMPENSATED ABSENCES					32,265	32,265	
LONG-TERM DEBT					240,000	240,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,214,513			\$79,975	\$422,085	\$2,716,573	
FUND EQUITY							
FUND BALANCE - RESERVED							
ENDOWMENTS				\$27,773		\$27,773	
FUND BALANCE - UNRESERVED							
UNDESIGNATED	\$214,958	\$174,169		345,451		734,578	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$214,958	\$174,169		\$373,224		\$762,351	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$2,429,471	\$174,169		\$453,199	\$422,085	\$3,478,924	

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is your local link to practical, research-based education to people of all ages, helping them make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities; sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture and improve the economy.

Merrimack County residents benefit from a wide range of Extension offerings, which include 4-H and youth development programs, monitoring water quality in lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low-income families, strengthening our communities and developing a strong volunteer base while providing a wide range of information to citizens. Extension also offers the public an outreach hotline with a toll-free Family, Home & Garden Info Line, staffed Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm (1-877-398-4769) and it handled a total of 1,198 requests from Merrimack County residents.

Extension staff provide education to forest landowners, food producers and plant growers that help keep their enterprises profitable, thus preserving open space and protecting natural resources. Many studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, as it places few demands on taxpayers for services. Extension also provides assistance to town planners and boards on zoning issues related to marketing from roadside stands, garden centers, pick-your-own operations, and best management practices for the production of agricultural crops and livestock.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. Extension staff has worked with the communities in a variety of ways. Several Merrimack County towns have participated in Extension's exciting Community Profile process. This past fall a Community Profile was completed in Hooksett. A Community Profile is a tool to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like, and then forms action groups to reach those goals.

In addition Cooperative Extension provides publication notebooks for all town libraries. The Extension currently provides weekly radio spots on WKXL, which offer information to the communities throughout the County. Extension information can also be obtained from the Web at ceinfo.unh.edu. Follow-up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff. Other community efforts include after-school programs, teen assessment projects, wellness teams, town office visits, the Master Gardener program, working with town officials to make sure local ordinances are “agriculture-friendly” and assisting schools with maintenance of athletic fields and landscaped areas.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately one of every four families in the county.

*Kristin Locke
Natural Resources Secretary
UNH Cooperative Extension*

View from High Meadow, 2001: Photo by Ed Candidus



TOWN MEETING - MARCH 13, 2001

Moderator Marashio called the March 13, 2001 Town Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Voting on Article 1 and Article 2 began in ballot form.

Business Meeting - March 14, 2001

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at which time she explained the rules of order and voting procedures. Moderator Marashio read the voting results from the March 13, 2001 election.

Office of Selectman - 3 Years

Wilbert H. Willis - 124

Richard J. Wright - 185

Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 Years

Clayton E. Johnson, III - 296

Library Trustee - 3 Years

Sheldon "Shelly" Candidus - 293

Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 Years

Clayton E. Johnson, III - 292

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years

Carl D. Ahlstrom - 299

Planning Board - 3 Years

(Outcome awaiting acceptance of winning write-in candidate)

Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 Years

(vote for two)

Katheryn C. Holmes - 218

Tanya D. McIntire - 122

William Weiler - 181

Zoning Board of Adjustment - 1 Year

Elizabethann Diekmann - 289

Zoning Amendment No. 1

Yes - 253 No - 51

Zoning Amendment No. 2

Yes - 270 No - 38

Zoning Amendment No. 3

Yes - 227 No - 75

Zoning Amendment No. 4

Yes - 249 No - 56

Zoning Amendment No. 5

Yes - 216 No - 82

Zoning Amendment No. 6

Yes - 218 No - 90

Kearsarge Regional School District Ballot - Newbury Results

For Moderator - 1 Year

Alf E. Jacobson - 253

Article 1

A - 158 B - 49

Article 2

Yes - 192 No - 108

Article 3

A - 154 B - 63 C - 80

Article 4

Yes - 207 No - 91

Article 5

Yes - 175 No - 132

Article 6

Yes - 175 No - 124

Article 7

Yes - 143 No - 150

Article 8

Yes - 110 No - 191

Selectman Powell expressed recognition for the dedication and hard work shown by Police Chief Jim Valiquet, Highway Administrator Cal Prussman, and Selectman William Syvertsen.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,694,720 for general operations:

	2000	2001
1. Executive Office	101,370	108,581
2. Election and Registration	5,340	2,490
3. Financial Administration	61,009	66,346
4. Legal Expense	12,000	25,000
5. Personnel Administration	133,075	165,600
6. Planning	10,205	10,750
7. Zoning	2,567	3,250
8. General Government Buildings	23,868	26,050
9. Cemeteries	13,371	16,942
10. Insurance	24,100	28,298
11. Regional Associations	2,841	2,993
12. Town Reports	4,200	3,800
13. Police Department	176,172	199,181
14. Fire Department	46,388	51,868
15. Forest Fires	600	600
16. Building Inspection	3,875	3,974
17. Office of Emergency Management	100	100
18. Highway Maintenance	311,604	327,201

Highway Reconstruction	264,135	216,750
19. Street Lighting	15,000	14,700
20. Transfer Station	141,703	156,068
21. Health Agencies, CAP	14,218	14,549
22. Welfare	12,810	21,310
23. Information Booth	3,116	3,890
24. Parks & Recreation	20,075	25,673
25. Library	30,857	43,092
26. Conservation Commission	825	625
27. Historical Society	250	250
28. Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes	500	500
29. Sewer Department	53,803	56,290
30. Bond/Note Principal & Interest	79,038	40,913
31. Ambulance Deductibles	1,000	1,000
32. Safety Communication Services	19,756	21,141
33. Capital Outlay	35,043	34,945
TOTALS	\$1,624,814	\$1,694,720

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 3 as read. Discussion followed.

The Library figures are higher due to the heating costs of the new areas and the Librarians’ salaries have been increased to bring them current. The library will be opening an additional day and discussion groups will be meeting Monday evenings. Also, the trustees would like to hire an assistant to enable our Librarian some time off as necessary.

Legal expenses are higher due to a lawsuit regarding the assessment of Mt. Sunapee, which at this point in time is an ongoing issue.

Welfare has increased due to changes in the laws. Welfare cannot be refused to individuals if they meet the criteria set by the government.

VOTE on Article 3: Majority in favor. Article 3 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 4: To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 4 as read. No discussion followed.

VOTE on Article 4: All in favor. Article 4 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,000 to be placed in the following existing capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$10,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	50,000
POLICE CRUISER	10,000
AMBULANCE	3,000

RECREATION FACILITY	5,000
REVALUATION	50,000

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 5 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Kinsman explained that the revaluation fund was increased by \$25,000 in anticipation of costs for the total revaluation of the town scheduled for 2003.

VOTE on Article 5: All in favor. Article 5 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$3,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	5,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	4,000

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 6 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell commented that the amounts are the same as last year. Each year some maintenance needs to be done, and these funds should cover the anticipated maintenance costs.

VOTE on Article 6: All in favor. Article 6 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to accept the donation of a parcel of land in Blodgett Landing denoted as tax map #16A, lot #214-517.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 7 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that the parcel is approximately 1.3 acres and accessible by foot via a right-of-way footpath between two other properties, and will be held by the Town as open space with no financial encumbrances.

VOTE on Article 7: Majority in favor. Article 7 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to accept the donation of a strip of land in the so-called Greenway trail system; the strip of land would be approximately a mile long by 100' wide and is part of the following parcels: map #39, lot #726-204 and map #40, lot #759-417.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 8 as read. Discussion followed.

Dick Martin explained that the trail will begin at Sunset Hill, go around Bob Bell's development and end up on Old Province Road. It will be a valuable asset to the Greenway Trail. Bob Bell currently owns the land, and it will be surveyed prior to conveyance.

VOTE on Article 8: Majority in favor. Article 8 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 to purchase land adjacent to the old town hall denoted as tax map #43, lot #520-254.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 9 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that this piece of land is right next to the old town hall. Many of the buildings are sitting empty because of the lack of facilities. This land would be a good addition to provide septic and well facilities so we can use the buildings for public use.

VOTE on Article 9: Majority in favor. Article 9 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,635 for drainage improvements in the Chalk Pond area and for engineering studies on Gillingham Drive; said amount to be offset by grants to be received from DES in the same amount. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 10 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that the area in question is very steep which results in erosion and run-off. It is very expensive to grade and keep graveling. After a meeting of concerned parties, a plan was devised to divert the run-off in a controlled manner to prevent future erosion of the road. This is a matching grant and therefore will not cost the town any money in dollars, but will cost in labor.

VOTE on Article 10: All in favor. Article 10 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to defray legal expenditures incurred by the town with respect to issues arising out of the funding of education. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 11 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that this money will be earmarked for the lawsuit of Newbury and New London vs. the State of N.H. which argues that our district has already addressed fairness in funding education locally and Newbury and New London are therefore being double taxed. Any money allocated by this article that is not used will revert back to the taxpayers.

VOTE on Article 11: All in favor. Article 11 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purchase of a one-ton truck with dump body and plow and authorize the withdrawal of \$33,000 from the Highway Equipment capital reserve, the balance of \$12,000 to come from the existing one-ton truck trade-in. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 12 as read. Discussion followed.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained that the 1997 Ford one-ton needs to be replaced. It was recently discovered while in for repairs that it was not originally built properly and to specifications. Quotes have been received and the best deal will be chosen.

VOTE on Article 12: Majority in favor. Article 12 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purchase of a one-ton pick-up truck and plow and authorize the withdrawal of \$33,000 from the Highway Equipment capital reserve, the balance of \$2,000 to come from the existing 3/4-ton pick-up truck trade in. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 13 as read. Discussion followed.

Motion to amend Article 13 was made and seconded as follows: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purchase of a one-ton pick-up truck and plow and authorize the withdrawal of \$35,000 from the Highway Equipment capital reserve. Discussion followed.

Cal Prussman explained that he would like to keep the old 3/4-ton truck for use at the transfer station by the transfer station attendants. He commented that all pieces of equipment are being used efficiently. We are not adding new vehicles in number, only replacing the dead ones.

The smaller trucks are needed for plowing and sanding narrow roads.

Wilbert Willis commented that Churchill plows the transfer station with his own truck, therefore, if we don't agree to give the transfer station the old 3/4-ton, then the town should pay Churchill for his service.

Question was moved.

VOTE on moving the question on Article 13: Majority in favor.

VOTE on amending Article 13: All in favor of amending Article 13.

VOTE on ARTICLE 13 as amended: Majority in favor. Article 13 was adopted as amended.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$92,500 for construction of an addition to the Safety Services Building. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 14 as read. Discussion followed.

Henry Thomas presented a visual plan of the floor lay-out and explained that there has been a committee studying the most efficient change(s) for the maximum benefit of security and safety. The plans were reviewed by an architect and are ADA compliant. The traffic patterns are also adequate.

Currently there is a lot of Police Department equipment stored in the Fire Department storage area. This addition will accommodate storage space, add a two-bay garage and keep the cruiser out of the Fire Department parking spaces.

Concerns were expressed regarding the adequacy of space in the proposed plans for long-term use. Perhaps it would be better to hold off on spending the \$92,500 until such time as a facility can be planned that will be more efficient.

Question was moved.

VOTE on moving the question on Article 14: Majority in favor.

VOTE on Article 14: Majority in favor. Article 14 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to accept Winding Brook Road (1.3 miles) of Mountainside at Newbury Association. Subject to approval of the Highway Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. (By Petition.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 15 as read. Discussion followed.

Rick Messer explained that there are currently 6 full-time dwellings on Winding Brook Road and three lots that have sold and will potentially have houses built in the near future. The road was built in 1980, and has been personally maintained by Mr. Messer since 1988.

Concerns were expressed regarding the road being paved prior to acceptance and the subsurface of the road. Suggestion was made to hold off on accepting the road until there are more houses built to make the expense cost efficient.

Selectman Powell explained that back when this subdivision was approved, there was no paving requirement and the Town, therefore, cannot require paving for that reason. Also, the road will be subject to inspection, including test pits, prior to acceptance.

VOTE on Article 15: Majority not in favor. Article 15 was not adopted.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to discontinue completely and absolutely a portion of the highway now known as the old New Hampshire Route 103, said highway having been reclassified to a Class V highway, pursuant to Part 10 of chapter 90 of the Laws of 1942 as amended by Chapter 183 of the Laws of 1945, by letter dated November 10, 1952, from the New Hampshire Highway Department (now New Hampshire Department of Transportation) to the Selectmen of the Town of Newbury. Said complete discontinuance to be that portion of the old N.H. Route 103 laying easterly of the new NH Route 103 from Station 245+00 to Station 253+00 as depicted on the NHHD plan for project number F47(2), F72(2), F128(3). (By Petition.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 16 as read. Discussion followed.

George Gordon presented a map of the land in question. The land is situated within his property and was never correctly conveyed in the description by the landowner approximately 40 years ago. It is 800' long and 25' wide, overgrown and steep.

Questions were raised regarding potential town use of the property, and caution was given not to give something up that belongs to the town in case there may be a future need.

Comment was made that the Town owns the property through a historic fluke and we should not, therefore, penalize Mr. Gordon from something we did not even know about.

Question was moved.

VOTE on moving the question on Article 16: Majority in favor to move the question.

VOTE on Article 16: Majority in favor. Article 16 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey the town's interest in the abandoned Route 103 roadbed abutting land of Kenneth Brown, Trustee (Tax map #50 lot #637-463) on such terms as the Selectmen may deem in the best interests of the town. (By Petition.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 17 as read. Discussion followed.

Mr. Brown explained that in 1965 he purchased adjacent land to Route 103. In 1967 the new highway was built and the old bed was deeded to the town. It is a 40' to 50' wide strip and 1100' long. Currently there is a 20' right of way to the back land from Route 103. This would give 1100 feet of direct access. It is possible in the future to petition the State of N.H. for a new driveway. Route 103 is a limited access highway, so obtaining a driveway permit is not certain.

Questions were raised regarding potential town use of the property, and caution was given not to give something up that belongs to the town in case there may be a future need.

Comment was made that the Town should not deprive an owner of the value of their land.

Question was moved.

VOTE on moving the question on Article 17: Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE on Article 17: Majority in favor. Article 17 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to establish a recreation revolving fund in accordance with RSA 35-B and to name the Parks & Recreation Committee as agents to expend. In accordance with RSA 35-B:II, with the creation of the recreation revolving fund, the money received from fees and charges shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance. The Treasurer of the Town of Newbury shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon the order of the Parks & Recreation Committee. These funds may only be expended for the purposes stated in RSA 35-B and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of, or create a liability upon, other town funds which have not been appropriated for that purpose. After creation of such Recreation Revolving Fund the monies in such fund shall not need further town meeting approval to be expended.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 18 as read. Discussion followed.

Dennis Pavlicek explained that this article would allow the Parks and Recreation Committee to set up trips and activities for which the fees charged would go into a fund and be able to be expended out of the same fund. This would also cover the costs of swimming lessons.

Question was moved.

VOTE on moving the question on Article 18: Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE on Article 18: Majority in favor. Article 18 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion to adopt Article 19 as read was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Randy Messer made a presentation for the renovation of the Center Meeting House. He explained that the building currently has no plumbing or electricity, nor is it ADA compliant. The building will be 175 years old in 2007, at which time the renovations are hoped to be complete. The proposed renovation will make the building available for public functions while maintaining the historic integrity of the building by raising the building, adding a basement function hall with necessary facilities and adding electricity and heat to the existing structure. A small elevator will be installed to allow handicap access to the upstairs while maintaining the pristine historic character of the building. The project is proposed to be funded through public fundraising and hopefully historic renovation grants. LCHP will provide matching funds for the project of renovating the Center Meeting House.

Charles Kennedy explained that it would be helpful if a written sense of the meeting could be submitted with the application.

Upon a show of hands, Moderator Marashio ruled that the citizens gathered at this town meeting would unanimously like to see this project go forward.

Dennis Pavlicek announced that the Newbury Historical Society and the Friends of the Hay Estate are organizing an event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Newbury, to include a Theodore Roosevelt impersonator to perform in late August of 2002.

Selectman Powell asked for a sense of the meeting if this location, The White Star Auction & Function Hall, is an adequate location to hold the annual town meetings. Sense of the meeting was overwhelming in approval.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the March 2001 Town Meeting.

VOTE on adjournment: All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Champy
Town Clerk*

SUMMER TOWN MEETING

Minutes of August 4, 2001

PRESENT:

Selectmen: James Powell, David Kinsman, Richard Wright

Town Personnel: Dennis Pavlicek, town administrator; Shelly Candidus, administrative assistant; Calvin Prussman, highway administrator; James Valiquet, police chief; Henry Thomas, Jr., fire chief; Alan Brown, librarian; Ron Williams, planning board chairman

Citizens: About 35 attendees, including Bud and Sue Hogan, Dorothy Kellsey, Barbara Gibson, Derman Avery, Anne Carroll, William Moore, Katheryn Holmes, Charles Schiess, Andre and Judith Guyer, Joyce Barron

MEETING CONVENED: 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Jim Powell opened the meeting by welcoming attendees. He introduced the Board and department heads and explained that they were here to update taxpayers, listen to concerns, and to answer questions.

1. Alan Brown, librarian, reported that the level of activity at the library was very high, with 500 patrons more than usual in July. The 2001 budget increase reflects higher heating costs and staff salaries. The library continues to be open Tuesdays from 2-7 p.m. The regular Wednesday morning reading program for pre-school children averages twenty attendees and has run continuously since the library re-opened in 1999. A Wednesday afternoon program ("Chocolate Summer Days") for school children is also being conducted by volunteers. The adult reading program continues with monthly discussion groups led by scholars provided by a state program. Volunteer help averages 16 hours per week. The Friends of the Library, Inc. continues to plan events and raise funds to support special library needs. Alan invited all present to visit and take advantage of library services.

2. Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, reported that the first mile of Chalk Pond Road has been re-paved. The second mile will be prepared for paving this summer. The crew is working on Mountain and Cheney Roads and other special projects, such as the erosion control program at Sunapee Hills.

Question: Why does the state plan such extensive work on Route 103? Wright answered that they determine expenditures based on traffic counts. Improvements are made to meet federal guidelines and the funds have to be spent or lost. Improvements will include guardrail replacement, widening Ledge Hill, and some re-paving.

Joyce Barron asked about a proposal to reduce the speed limit from the Harbor to Sunapee traffic circle to 35 mph. Powell explained that the Highway Safety Committee has proposed this in view of future plans for the state to provide public access to the Wild Goose property. This is a public safety issue. The state has been asked to consider the speed limit as part of their overall proposal.

Question: When will Blodgett Landing Road be resurfaced? Prussman replied that it was scheduled on the 5-year plan for 2003. This reply drew comments that this was too long to wait and the suggestion that a petition from residents might hasten the work. Powell said this was not likely, and that the town had to consider budget issues when roadwork is planned. Maintenance and resurfacing can't all be done at once. However, Prussman will inspect the Blodgett roads once again to see if there is any immediate remedial work required.

Anne Carroll asked for a definition of "graveling." Prussman explained that this involved adding three inches in height, keeping the road the same width.

Summer Town Meeting, 2001: Photo by S. Candidus



Jim Myles asked if state work on Route 103 is scheduled for 2002. Affirmative reply. He also asked about the status of town lighting. Pavlicek responded that a study has been done and changes are in process, to be provided for at the next budget hearings. Sodium lights will be used. Chief Valiquet is surveying the need for adding or removing streetlights. Joyce Barron asked what the payback period would be for the new lights. Pavlicek replied that it would be within 3 - 3 1/2 years.

A resident mentioned a drainage problem on Old Post Road. Prussman responded that work to fix the problem had been scheduled for next week.

A Blodgett resident asked if speed bumps could be installed on roads in the Landing. Powell replied that this is difficult since they would have to be seasonal to avoid damage by winter plowing.

A resident of Bay Point Road said there were dangerous curves on the road and asked if a stripe could be painted to define the middle of the road. Prussman will investigate.

A question was asked whether the proposed subdivision at Southview was prompting the work on Cheney Road. The answer was no, this was simply normal scheduled maintenance.

Mrs. Myles remarked that there is litter all over the town. She asked if "No Littering" signs could be erected. Powell said such a mandate could not be enforced and Prussman and his crew do their best to pick up litter when they have time. Mr. Myles said it is the responsibility of the town to pick up litter, especially by the entrance to the Transfer Station. Wright said the town could invest in some "No Littering" signs. An attendee suggested the situation might improve if we posted "Adopt a Highway" or "Adopt a Byway" signs. Powell said he is concerned about a proliferation of signs.

Question: "Will improvements on Sutton Road continue as far as the Highway Shed?" Prussman replied that this was not part of the 5-year plan.

A comment: "Thank you for your snow removal efforts last winter!" was met with applause.

A resident reported he had written the Highway Safety Committee some time ago regarding the need for a safety rail on Gillingham Drive. He is still waiting for a response. Powell said he remembered the request and will review the minutes of the Highway Safety Committee meeting.

Anne Carroll suggested that there be an annual report of progress on the 5-year road plan. Powell replied that progress reports are given in the Town Report yearly. Question: "How does one get a Town Report?" Powell said Town Reports are available through the Town Office on request.

A comment was made that the intersection of Autumn Lane and Bay Point Road was dangerous, especially after a rain storm. Prussman said that is a private road, but he will take a look at it and let the residents know his recommendations.

Katheryn Holmes said a speed sign should be posted on Bay Point Road, or at least a "Slow - Children" sign. Joyce Barron suggested putting a mirror or sign on trees at dangerous intersections on Bay Point Road.

3. Fire Chief Hank Thomas reported that there were three structure fires in the past year - more than usual. He reminded attendees that a permit is needed to burn brush any time there is no snow cover on the ground. He said remodeling of the Safety Services building is about to begin. This will involve expansion of the Police Department and additional storage for the Fire Department. The work is being done by LeFebvre Construction from Franklin. A question was asked if any local companies responded to the request for bid. Thomas said no; local companies are just too busy.

Myles asked who is providing emergency medical services. Thomas replied these come through calling 911 or New London Dispatch. These numbers are printed in the Town Report and have been made available to residents by way of stickers. Stickers are being reprinted.

Mrs. Myles asked if one day a year could be designated for recharging fire extinguishers. Thomas replied that those with plastic heads can't be refilled, but he will check with the state about refilling metal types. A "Fire Safety Day" might be considered. In response to a question about testing dry hydrants, Thomas said silt needs to be cleaned out of those on Chalk Pond and Mountain roads.

4. Chief Valiquet reported that two new officers were on board: Glen Drewniak and Brad Wheeler. The department took over 4,000 calls in 2000. Traffic has increased a lot in the last year due to activity at the mountain and related development. A traffic counter is installed on Ledge Hill but the count has not yet been provided by the state.

He believes the state should develop public access to the lake at the State Beach rather than Wild Goose, especially in view of traffic concerns at the latter site.

Myles asked if signs could be posted prohibiting trucks from using “jake brakes.” He objects to the noise. The Chief said there are no such signs; use of jake brakes is legal.

In response to a question about how to keep new officers, Valiquet said they need competitive pay and benefits. Pay rates were raised in 2000. The goal is to have their pay match that of state troopers. Myles asked who pays for attendance at the Police Academy. Answer: the town does. Officers sign 3-year employee contracts. The chief’s goal is to hire local men who have ties to the town. Myles asked about the presence of junk cars on some properties. Pavlicek said the state law specifies only 2 unregistered cars can be parked on any owner’s property.

5. Powell then invited comments and questions from attendees:

Barron asked about the status of the property tax issue. Powell said this tax had been determined to be constitutional. A group of towns sued the state and won locally but lost when the issue went to the Supreme Court. Newbury and New London have instituted a suit against the state concerning the funding of schools in our seven-town area. We are subsidizing the other five towns as part of an existing funding agreement, and now the state has named us as a donor town. We consider this double taxation.

A question was asked about the status of Mt. Sunapee Resort taxes. Powell said there will be a pre-trial conference this autumn and the issue will be settled by the end of the year. The Resort feels the town’s assessments are too high. Myles asked what the assessment is. Pavlicek said \$6,271,000 was the April 1, 1999 assessment. This reflects a reduction from \$9.1 million after re-evaluation. The latest assessment with the new building will be around \$8 million.

Anne Carroll asked how the assessor could be contacted; Pavlicek said through the Town Office. Chief Valiquet asked if the assessor could carry ID and call for appointments in advance. Powell said the Board would take this under advisement.

It was suggested that the Board and Department heads have nameplates for identification at public meetings. Powell agreed.

Mrs. Myles asked why the pond behind the Veterans’ Hall was so low. Powell replied that a beaver dam had given way. Wright added that both natural and man-made solutions are being investigated. It was noted that Lake Sunapee is also low. Powell said it had to be lowered because it was very high after the spring thaw.

It was asked why the second half tax bill was always higher than the first half. Pavlicek explained that the second bill reflects the new tax rate for the town. He explained that while the town has picked up about 3 percent in assessments, taxes will go up about 5.4 percent. The increase for the County will be the greatest. It was asked how lake frontage was assessed. Pavlicek said it depended on the location. Question: "What is the revenue from Baker Hill Golf Club?" Pavlicek replied it is now assessed at \$4.3 million. The site is almost complete and looks beautiful.

Barron asked for an update on the status of Wild Goose as a possible public access/boat launch. Powell said the project was postponed due to lack of engineering manpower at Fish & Game. No update meetings have been scheduled by the state.

6. Ron Williams, Planning Board chairman, reported on several topics. He said erosion control is required for all construction work in the buffer zone. The Board is reviewing the issue of wireless towers. Skyline hillside cutting is now being regulated. New items for Planning Board consideration are erosion controls on any earth-moving projects and special regulations for building permits for properties at Blodgett Landing. New issues such as these will be addressed at a public hearing.

Anne Carroll asked why legal notices aren't posted in the Argus-Champion. Powell explained that in the past we have chosen to post in the Intertown Record as a cost-saving measure, but that in the future all notices will be published in both papers. Carroll asked if the Planning Board minutes could be published in the papers. Are they available? Williams said they are available at the Town Office.

A comment was made that milfoil has now been found in Lake Sunapee. Williams said the LSPA is working to kill and contain it. He noted a study was published in the Boston Globe about the detrimental output of 2-stroke boat engines. Wright added that only 4-stroke engines are being recommended by boat dealers.

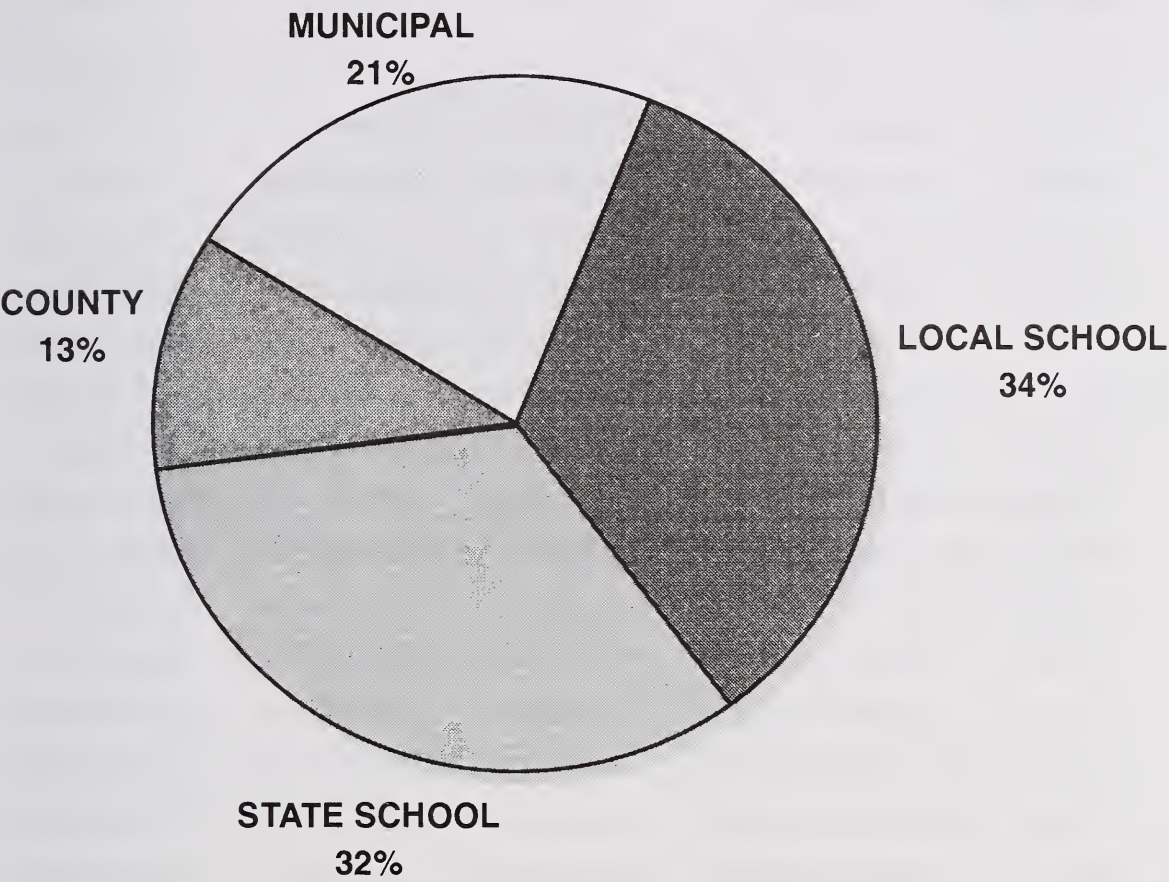
A resident of Blodgett Landing asked whether residents would get written notice if the building restrictions for that area were changed. Williams said they would be incorporated in the Zoning Ordinance but no individual notification would be given. He added that fire-control measures were especially important for that area.

Powell asked if there were suggestions as to when summer town meetings should be held. Should it be in July? One response was they should not conflict with New London's Hospital Days.

Powell closed the meeting by inviting attendees to visit, call, write, or e-mail the Board with any comments or concerns.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:05 a.m.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS 2001



Local School Tax.....	\$7.09
State School Tax	6.59
County Tax	2.64
Municipal Tax	4.41
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	\$20.73

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2001

Child's Birth Date	Name	Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/15/01	Cameron Alexander Titus	New London, NH	Peter Titus	Rochelle Titus
01/30/01	Megan Pauline Roy	Concord, NH	Russell Roy	Shelley Roy
02/06/01	Brandon Allen Bullis	New London, NH	Michael Bullis	Sara Bullis
02/12/01	Audrey Caroline Staub	Lebanon, NH	Dana Staub	Christine Staub
02/20/01	Jared Evans Fortier	New London, NH	Timothy Fortier	Susan Fortier
03/01/01	Lillian Marie Denslow	Lebanon, NH	Noah Denslow	Rebecca Denslow
03/02/01	Claire Margaret McGrath	Lebanon, NH	Robert McGrath	Eileen McGrath
03/04/01	Michael Joseph Shaw	Lebanon, NH	Michael Shaw	Lisa Shaw
03/13/01	Matthew David Strickland	Lebanon, NH	Peter Strickland	Karen Strickland
03/18/01	Benjamin Scott Corbyn	New London, NH	Richard Corbyn	Wendy Corbyn
03/24/01	Cooper Lucien Nadeau	Concord, NH	Alan Nadeau	Susan Nadeau
03/28/01	Gavin Paul Grant	New London, NH	Phillip Grant	Dawn Grant
04/15/01	Tucker Van Valovic	Lebanon, NH	John Valovic	Monica Valovic
04/25/01	Corbin Bradford Montminy	Concord, NH	Richard Montminy	Susan Montminy
05/08/01	Grace Isabelle Goddard	Lebanon, NH	David Goddard	Gretchen Goddard
06/17/01	James Parker Brady	New London, NH	Mark Brady	Heather Brady
06/23/01	Matthew Charles Noyer	Lebanon, NH	Stephen Noyer	Michele Noyer
07/04/01	Alexander Stephen Kish	Lebanon, NH	Alexander Kish	Jolin Salazar-Kish
07/21/01	Hunter Everett Labelle	Concord, NH	Stephen Labelle	Elizabeth Labelle
08/13/01	Elise Lowe Lesko	Concord, NH	Timothy Lesko	Stephanie Lesko
09/05/01	Cailyn Anne Dezotell	New London, NH	Travis Dezotell	Maureen Dezotell
09/13/01	Zachary John Goin	New Lonodn, NH	James Goin	Jennifer Goin
11/21/02	Ruby Ellen Towne	Lebanon, NH	Jay Towne	Erica Towne
12/24/01	Thomas Michael Stallbohm	Lebanon, NH	Michael Stallbohm	Gretchen Stallbohm

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2001

Date	Groom's Name	Groom's Place of Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Place of Residence	Where Married
04/14/01	Micah R. Drexler	Sunapee, NH	Cara L. Vandenberg	Newbury, NH	Sutton
05/19/01	Richard J. Delieto	Newbury, NH	Debra L. Janusas	Newbury, NH	New London
07/07/01	James R. Goin	Newbury, NH	Jennifer J. Wilcox	Newbury, NH	Lebanon
07/14/01	Rodney S. McConnell	Newbury, NH	Jamie L. Mahair	Newbury, NH	Sunapee
07/14/01	Matthew G. Ayers	Newbury, NH	Aimee B. Gardner	Newbury, NH	Newport
09/22/01	Michael A. Bascom	Newbury, NH	Jeanine R. Bergeron	Newbury, NH	Newbury
10/13/01	Jeffrey C. Knight	Newbury, NH	Sarah P. McClennen	Newbury, NH	Newbury
11/18/01	Kevin R. Lyle	Newbury, NH	Patricia A. Monaghan	Newbury, NH	Newbury
12/22/01	Robert G. Snow	Manchester, NH	Mary E. Harrison	Newbury, NH	Newbury
12/29/01	Richard G. Rankin	Newbury, NH	Edith K. Meyer	Springfield, NH	Goshen

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Newbury for the Year Ending December 31, 2001

Date	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/05/01	Robert D. Schneider	Newbury, NH	Robert Schneider	Emily Willett
02/21/01	Judith A. Rayner	New London, NH	John Cotter	Grace McGregor
03/09/01	Florence B. Perkins	Concord, NH	Nathan Bly	Eva Dustin
03/21/01	Florette Y. Croteau	Newbury, NH	J.L. LaBarre	Eva Bergeron
04/07/01	Ralph E. Jenkins	Plantation, FL	Ralph Jenkins	Dorothy Baker
04/15/01	Walter L. Leach	Newbury, NH	Walter Leach	Laura Zwicker
06/01/01	Philip S. Barry	Lebanon, NH	John Barry	Rose Bradley
07/27/01	Margaret E. Manna	New London, NH	Peitro Falconi	Giaconda Pescico
08/18/01	Ruth P. Hird	Newbury, NH	Roger Allen	Emily Bean
09/13/01	Francis W. Veazie	Gorham, ME	Francis S. Veazie	Margaret Lambert
10/02/01	Marion P. Smith	Lebanon, NH	Martin Perkins	Elsie Gile
11/19/01	Christopher Plonski	Newbury, NH	Edward Plonski	Cecelia Paris
11/27/01	Susan A. Young	New London, NH	John Adornetto	Susan Granstra
12/27/01	Thomas M. Stallbohm	Lebanon, NH	Michael Stallbohm	Gretchen Crouch

— *Notes* —

NEWBURY SERVICE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

FIRE DEPARTMENT (*non-emergency*) 763-4403
POLICE STATION (*non-emergency*) 763-4104
POLICE DISPATCH 763-2221

After calling for Emergency Help please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

Selectmen's Office 763-4940
FAX 763-5298

Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Selectmen meet every two weeks
on a rotating schedule of Monday nights
at 6:30. See posted meeting schedules for dates.

www.newbury.org

E-mail: newbury@sugar-river.net

Town Clerk
and Tax Collector's Office 763-5326

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Last Saturday of the month: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith 938-5925

Town Highway Department 938-5494

Library 763-5803

As of 3/14/02: Monday 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.
Friday Closed
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5:00 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION 763-2289

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Town Office .



